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BH gets $5.6M for lead removal

EPA grant to be used to remove lead water service lines

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor's fight against lead in its drinking water got a boost Friday, when federal officials announced the city will receive a $5.6 million grant to help remove lead service lines.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler joined U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, EPA Regional Administrator Kurt Thiede and other state and local leaders in making the announcement at Cornerstone Alliance in Benton Harbor.

"For many years we have known that thousands of lead water pipes were still being used in many communities across the U.S. and are a threat to the health of many Americans," Wheeler said. "These pipes and fittings have remained in use for decades even after the removal of lead paint and lead gasoline back in the '70s."

Benton Harbor was one of 10 entities across the nation receiving almost $40 million, combined, to reduce lead in drinking water in disadvantaged communities and schools, under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN).

Upton said he guided the WIIN Act through Congress when he was chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, with it being signed into law by former President Barack Obama in December 2016.

"In these unprecedented times with so much uncertainty, families should be able to be certain about this: their drinking water is safe for their children, friends, and loved ones," he said. "Today's announcement takes an important step to ensuring just that. This is a critically serious issue, and we need to continue to come together to guarantee safe drinking water for southwest Michigan's communities."

Grand Rapids was the only other site in Michigan receiving a grant through the act.

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said the city will start using the money as soon as possible. He said the city has already invested $280,000 in lead line replacement using a grant from the state. And

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EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler speaks with the media during a news conference at Cornerstone Alliance on Friday to announce a large grant for the removal of lead water services lines in Benton Harbor.

Battleground postal delays persist with mail voting underway

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
Associated Press

U.S. Postal Service records show delivery delays have persisted across the country as millions of Americans are voting by mail, raising the possibility of ballots being rejected because they arrive too late.

Postal data through Oct. 9, released through a federal court order, show nearly all the agency's delivery regions missing its target of having at least 95 percent of first-class mail arrive within five days. Parts of the presidential battleground states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio fell short of delivery goals by wide margins as the agency struggles to regain its footing after a tumultuous summer.

The districts that include the major urban areas and their suburbs in each of those states all performed below the national average for on-time delivery, with the area around Pittsburgh in western Pennsylvania the lone exception.

The delays are a worrisome sign for voters who still have not returned their absentee ballots. That is especially true in states such as Michigan, where ballots must be received by Election Day. Other states require a postmark by Nov. 3.

"We do encourage people who are worried about ballots not getting here on time to get them in as soon as possible," said Perry County Commissioner Brenda Watson in Pennsylvania.

She said her office has sent out more than 600,000 absentee ballots, more than double the number from the primary, and has extended office hours so staff can monitor a drop box.

With more than 2.9 million mail-in ballots requested in Pennsylvania, on-time delivery is crucial. But delays are lingering throughout the state, according to the agency's most recently available data released as part of the federal court order.

In the week that ended Oct. 9, first-class mail was delivered on time 79.7 percent of the time in the district covering Philadelphia and its suburbs, and 83.2 percent of the time in central Pennsylvania, both below the national average of 86.1 percent.

A deadlock at the U.S. Supreme Court this week allowed the state to count mailed-in ballots received up to three days after the Nov. 3 election, although Republicans have filed another challenge.

Delays have plagued the Postal Service during the coronavirus pandemic and worsened under a series of cost-cutting policies implemented by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who took over the agency in June. Following a series of court orders and intense public scrutiny, the agency has reversed the policies and seen improvements, but has not yet fully restored delivery times.

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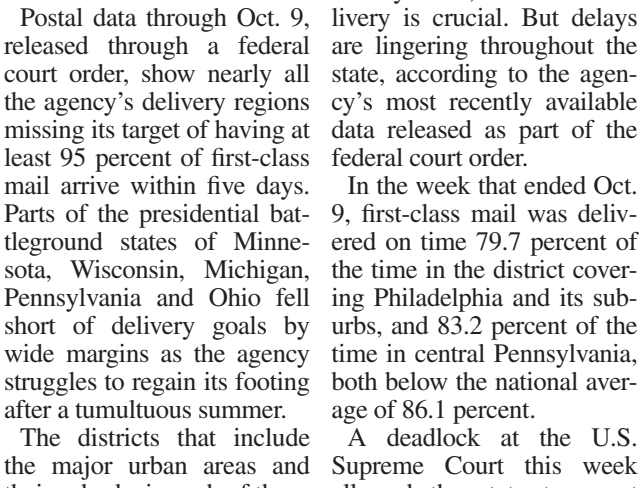

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A forklift operator loads absentee ballots for mailing at the Wake County Board of Elections as preparations for the upcoming election are ongoing in Raleigh, N.C., on Sept. 3.

By the book

Libraries, patrons adapt to new reality during pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

By the middle of July, several Southwest Michigan public libraries reopened their doors to a world of uncertainty.

At the time, the state was slowly peeling back its restrictions and residents were beginning to emerge from their homes.

Since this summer, libraries and their staff have adjusted their hours, beefed up cleaning practices and gone the extra length of quarantining the very books the public checks out.

Kat Boyer, director of Benton Harbor Public Library, said they installed clear dividers like what is normally seen at banks. Despite the odd sight, she said patrons have adjusted to the changes.

However, Boyer said she's made it a point to keep these changes to a minimum.

"We haven't changed too much since we opened in July. I didn't want to offer a lot of services we would have to take back in the fall," Boyer said. "We are working on moving the children's material downstairs for people to browse."

Since July, Benton Harbor's library has tracked about 1,700 people who entered the building. When accounting for its outdoors activities, the library has seen about 2,000 people. Boyer said that's down significantly compared to last year, in which the library saw 11,000 patrons in the same timeframe.

"We're down to about 20 percent of the normal traffic flow," she said.

Stephanie Masin, director of the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in St. Joseph, said their numbers are also down.

Because they are limited to a maximum of 100 people in the building at one time, it's not unusual to see just 150 to 200 people at the library during a six-hour period.

"There was a big drop. We usually have 500-600 people a day in the summer," said Masin, who said summer is the peak season for libraries. "We are normally open 10

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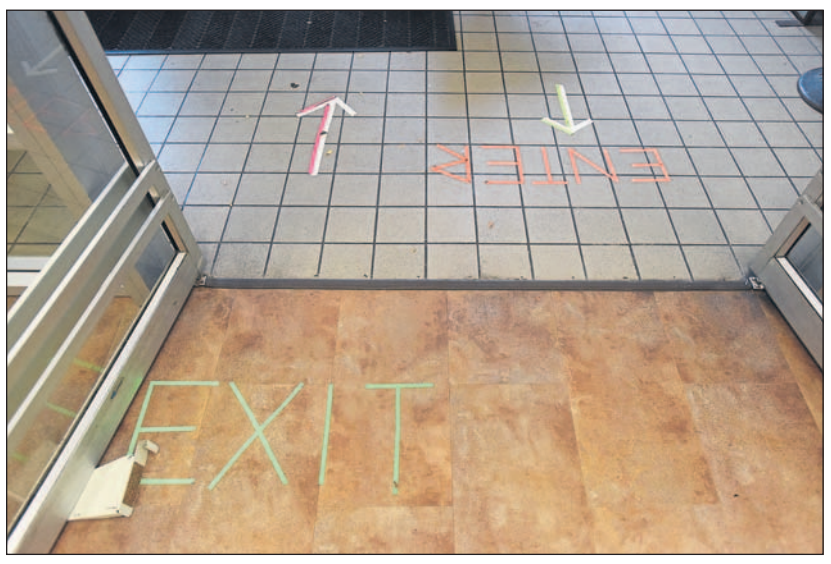

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TOP: Library clerk Geraldine Knox cleans high traffic areas such as check-out counters every hour at the Benton Harbor Public Library. The library has implemented a number of protocols to protect both patrons and the staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. ABOVE: Arrows direct patrons which way to enter and exit at the Benton Harbor Public Library.

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Trump, Biden scrap on oil, virus

By STEVE PEOPLES, JILL COLVN and WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

Andrew Harnik / AP

Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks about coronavirus at The Queen theater on Friday in Wilmington, Del.

John Raoux / AP

President Donald Trump delivers remarks to supporters at a campaign rally on Friday in The Villages, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla. — President Donald Trump and his allies fought for support in pivotal battleground states Friday after a debate performance that gave new hope to anxious Republicans. Democrat Joe Biden, campaigning close to home, tried to clean up a debate misstep while urging voters to stay focused on the president's inability to control the worsening pandemic.

The surge of activity with just 11 days remaining in the 2020 contest highlighted the candidates' divergent strategies, styles and policy prescriptions that are shaping the campaign's closing days. More than 52 million votes have already been cast, with an additional 100 million or so expected before a winner is declared.

The coronavirus pandemic has pushed Trump onto the defensive for much of the fall, but for the moment it is Biden's team that has been forced to explain itself. In the final minutes of Thursday night's debate, the former vice president said he supports a "transition" away from oil in the U.S. in favor of renewable energy. The campaign released a statement hours later declaring that he would phase out taxpayer subsidies for fossil fuel companies, not the industry altogether.

But Trump, campaigning in Florida, repeatedly seized on the issue.

"That could be one of the biggest mistakes made in presidential debate history," he gloated at a rally at The Villages, a sprawling retirement community in Florida, where thousands of people gathered outdoors on a polo field. Most did not wear masks.

Later, in Pensacola, Trump recounted the moment with glee.

"It looked like he made it, it looked like it was going to be OK. He got off the stage, going back to his basement, and then they hit him with the energy question. They hit him with a thing called oil," he told a sprawling crowd that appeared to be one of the largest of his campaign to date.

While Florida is still logging thousands of new COVID-19 cases daily, audience members stood and sat shoulder-to-shoulder and Make America Great Again hats far outnumbered face coverings. In-person voting in the state began Monday.

As part of his damage control, Biden dispatched running mate Kamala Harris to help clarify his position as she campaigned in swing state Georgia.

"Let's be really clear about this: Joe Biden is not going to ban fracking," Harris said, referring to a technique that uses pressurized liquid to extract oil or natural gas. "He is going to deal with the oil subsidies. You know, the president likes to take everything out of context. But let's be clear, what Joe was talking about was banning subsidies, but he will not ban fracking in America."

As he campaigned in The Villages, Trump fired an insult at Harris that pointed to her gender, quickly stirring criticism.

"Kamala will not be your first female president," Trump declared. "Look, we're not going to be a socialist nation. We're not going to have a socialist president, especially any female socialist president."

As for Biden and oil, while ending the nation's reliance on fossil fuel is popular among many liberals, the idea could hurt him among working-class voters in swing states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Texas who depend on the industry, and fracking in particular, to make a living.

Trump's allies immediately began running new attack ads seizing on the Democrats' inconsistent answers on energy. And Trump played a video at his Pensacola rally that included past comments from Biden and Harris about fracking, which Harris supported banning during her primary campaign.

As part of his plan to fight climate change, Biden has said he would ban new gas and oil permits – including fracking – on federal lands only. The vast majority of oil and gas does not come from federal lands.

With 29 Electoral College votes, Florida is widely seen as a must-win state for Trump if he wants to win a second term in the White House. While polling here in early October showed Biden with a slight advantage, a more recent poll has the two candidates neck and neck.

Trump's fate in the state is closely tied to his handling of the pandemic, especially among older voters, whose support for him has faded. He and his campaign have spent the last weeks trying to win them back, including Friday, when Trump pledged to protect Social Security and tried to paint Biden in hyperbolic terms.

A Biden election, Trump claimed at one point, "would mean that America's seniors have no air conditioning during the summer, no heat during the winter and no electricity during peak hours." Biden has not endorsed anything of the sort.

The pandemic was a major focus of Thursday's debate and it was the sole focus of Biden's only public appearance Friday close to his home in Delaware, which is hardly a swing state.

During the debate, Trump rosily predicted that the pandemic, which is escalating in several states, will "go away." Biden countered that the nation was headed toward "a dark winter." The former vice president reiterated that theme Friday in Wilmington as he outlined his plans.

Biden vowed to work with Congress to enact a new economic relief package for hard-pressed individuals, businesses and states by the end of January after seeking input from Republican and Democratic governors. He also promised to encourage state leaders to implement mask mandates. Should they refuse, Biden said he would lean on municipal leaders to require universal mask wearing in their communities.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
KD-QH-KS-5C-7C
Midday Daily 3
6-4-7
Midday Daily 4
6-1-9-4
Daily 3
3-8-6
Daily 4
5-9-7-7
Fantasy 5
03-06-09-10-19
Keno
01-03-04-05-18-20-23-25-26-29-33-37-40-56-60-65-68-72-75-76-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$97 million
Powerball jackpot
$102 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
02-14-28-34-44
Cash4Life
14-15-26-29-52, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
09-11-14-16-32-37-39-40-41-42-47-49-55-56-58-64-67-68-71-74, BE: 42
Daily Three-Midday
9-4-6, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
6-4-8, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
7-2-2-6, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
2-2-2-3, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
02-03-05-09-11-27-29-31-33-38-39-40-46-56-69-70-72-77-79-80, BE: 38

Illinois

Lotto
03-05-08-21-43-49, Extra Shot: 21
Estimated jackpot
$8.3 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-06-20-28-31
Estimated jackpot
$300,000
Pick Three-Midday
6-9-4, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
0-7-0, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
8-3-2-9, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
0-0-6-9, Fireball: 7
Lucky Day Lotto
16-18-27-37-45

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People walk by outdoor plastic dining bubbles on Fulton Market in Chicago on Oct. 18. The United States is approaching a record for the number of new daily coronavirus cases in the latest ominous sign about the disease's grip on the nation.

Hospitals in crisis as U.S. nears high for COVID-19 cases

By REBECCA BOONE and DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — The United States is approaching a record for the number of new daily coronavirus cases in the latest ominous sign about the disease's grip on the nation, as states from Connecticut to the Rocky Mountain West reel under the surge.

The impact is being felt in every section of the country – a lockdown starting Friday at the Oglala Sioux Tribe's reservation in South Dakota, a plea by a Florida health official for a halt to children's birthday parties, dire warnings from Utah's governor, and an increasingly desperate situation at a hospital in northern Idaho, which is running out of space for patients and considering airlifts to Seattle or Portland, Oregon.

"We've essentially shut down an entire floor of our hospital. We've had to double rooms. We've bought more hospital beds," said Dr. Robert Scoggins, a pulmonologist at the Kootenai Health hospital in Coeur d'Alene. "Our hospital is not built for a pandemic."

In the southern Idaho city of Twin Falls, St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center said it would no longer accept children because it is overwhelmed with coronavirus patients. Except for newborns, all under age 18 will be sent 128 miles away in Boise.

Among those in northern Idaho joining Scoggins at a meeting of Idaho's Panhandle Health District was board member Walk Kirby.

"People are dying, they're going to keep dying and catching this stuff," Kirby said. "How many people won't wear a mask? The same people that won't get vaccinated for it."

Utah's Gov. Gary Herbert proclaimed Friday to be "a record day for Utah – but not a good one" as COVID-19 cases reached an all-time high for the state.

"Up until now, our hospitals have been able to provide good care to all COVID and non-COVID patients who need it," he said. "But today we stand on the brink. If Utahans do not take serious steps to limit group gatherings and wear masks, our healthcare providers will not have the ability to provide quality care for everyone who needs it."

By public health order, masks are required in 21 counties, said Herbert, urging Utah residents to wear one whenever they are around someone outside their immediate household.

The seven-day rolling average for new daily COVID-19 cases in the U.S. surpassed 61,140 Thursday, compared with 44,647 two weeks ago. The record was reached July 22 when the rolling average was 67,293 in the midst of a summer outbreak driven largely by surges of the virus in Florida, Texas, Arizona and California.

The U.S. recorded 71,671 new cases Thursday, with several states setting records across the Midwest and West.

The U.S. surge mirrors a similarly widespread spike in Europe, where Rome, Paris and other major cities are reining in nightlife as part of the increasingly drastic measures undertaken to slow the spread of the pandemic. French authorities said the country had recorded over 1 million confirmed coronavirus cases since the start of the pandemic, becoming the second country in Western Europe after Spain to reach that number.

The head of the World Health Organization warned that countries in the Northern Hemisphere are at a "critical juncture" as cases and deaths continue to rise.

"The next few months are going to be very tough and some countries are on a dangerous track," said WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus at a press briefing on Friday.

Parties' late spending on Senate races shows GOP's jeopardy

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats are unleashing millions in eleventh-hour spending to contest Senate seats in states that read like a list of reliable GOP strongholds: Alaska. Arizona. Georgia. Iowa. Kansas. Montana. South Carolina. Texas.

The reason: States in many traditionally conservative areas are in play next month and both sides know it.

Less than two weeks from an Election Day that will determine Senate control, each party is throwing late money at an up-for-grabs Democratic seat in Michigan. The Senate Majority PAC, a political committee aligned with the chamber's Democratic leaders, has canceled its remaining $1.2 million in spending against GOP Sen. Cory Gardner in Colorado, sensing victory. National Democrats have reported no significant expenditures yet to protect Sen. Doug Jones, who seems likely to lose his seat in crimson Alabama.

The most striking feature of the campaign's waning days is how both parties are focusing resources on seats in territory that's usually solidly Republican. The spending underscores the broad map the GOP must defend, often in unlikely places, as it struggles to retain its current 53-47 chamber majority.

"I mean, Kansas?" said GOP consultant David Flaherty, citing a state that last elected a Democratic senator in 1932. "We're in what looks like could be a wave election."

The late maneuvering comes despite a political climate that seems to have only hardened in recent months. President Donald Trump's deep unpopularity with moderate and educated voters, particularly in suburbs, is hurting down-ballot GOP candidates as well.

In addition, Democrat candidates have significantly outraised their Republican rivals in all but three of the 15 most competitive Senate races, most of which pit GOP incumbents against Democratic challengers. That's freed national Democrats to aim last-minute money at longer-shot races than usual, in turn forcing Republicans to spend resources defending those seats.

"Close races and a chance to win," J.B. Poersch, president of Senate Majority PAC, said of how his group decides to allocate money over the campaign's dwindling days.

Easing the disparity a bit, Poersch's group has been outraised 2-1 by its GOP counterpart, the Senate Leadership Fund. The Republican committee, with ties to Senate GOP leaders, reported mammoth donations last month of $60 million from Sheldon and Miriam Adelson and $20 million from Kenneth Griffin, billionaire donors.

Since mid-October, major GOP campaign committees have ordered TV and radio ads protecting Republican-held seats topping $5 million for Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst and $4 million for Arizona Sen. Martha McSally. They've triggered spending of around $2 million each to defend Sens. Dan Sullivan of Alaska, Steve Daines of Montana and John Cornyn of Texas.

The figures are from the ad-tracking firm Kantar/CMAG.

Perhaps most startling is the roughly $6 million that big GOP groups have spent recently for commercials to help Rep. Roger Marshall, the Republican seeking Kansas' open Senate seat. He's been badly outraised by Democratic opponent Barbara Bollier, a state senator, doctor and former Republican.

"It's indicative of where we are. He's getting outspent 3-1," said GOP Sen. Pat Roberts, whose retirement is making the seat available.

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SW Michigan economy fares better than state

Proximity to Indiana a factor in lower unemployment

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The Southwest Michigan job market is still rebounding, though the region's economy is doing surprisingly well, Kinexus Group officials said Friday.

According to Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget, September unemployment rates in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties fell by a combined 1.1 percent.

Berrien County recorded a 7.6 percent unemployment rate, Cass County had a 7.4 percent jobless rate and Van Buren lowered its unemployment to 6.7 percent of its workforce.

While these figures were lower compared to August, they were still significantly higher than unemployment rates a year ago. In September of 2019, Berrien had a 3.5 percent rate while Cass and Van Buren had 3.9 percent and 3.8 percent rates, respectively.

Jake Gustafson, Kinexus chief operating officer, said these latest unemployment numbers are encouraging as the COVID-19 pandemic heads into its seventh month since hitting the U.S.

"We're continuing to see strong growth," he said. "Keep in mind that right before the lockdown in March we were at 3.9 percent (unemployment). With the highs being in the low teens, this has shown to be a steady curve."

Gustafson, who spoke to the media during a virtual roundtable Friday, said Southwest Michigan's three core counties have beaten expectations in September, with the majority of the state is still lagging further behind, in unemployment.

For example, Wayne County sits at a 12.5 percent jobless rate.

Gustafson said this region likely surpassed expectations in September despite seasonal changes like the end of tourism and hospitality season.

Al Pscholka, Kinexus vice president of public relations and government affairs, said the relatively low unemployment rate could be linked to the region's link to Indiana.

"For once our proximity to the Hoosier state is benefiting us," Pscholka said Friday. "A lot of our folks are crossing the border, which means they are working."

The combined labor force in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties was up by 0.6 percent in September compared to the same month last year. However, the labor force shrunk by 2.5 percent in the region compared to August.

"The hiring surge is still expected to wind down, but geographically, we are also tied into the South Bend and Elkhart job markets," Gustafson said. "Across the border in South Bend, they have a 6.5 percent rate. Those migration numbers are harder to tie down, but three out of every five people in Cass (County) drive to Indiana to go to work. We are in a unique position in this region."

The region's unemployment numbers are affected by this as the civilian labor force is determined by where a person lives, as opposed to where they work.

While the hospitality and leisure sector has been hit the hardest by the pandemic, Gustafson said this region hasn't seen quite the reduction in jobs as other areas.

"Considering how large metro cities have been affected, folks are flowing in from other regions because it is the most viable option since people are driving for their vacations, as opposed to flying," Gustafson said.

Some of the larger metropolitan statistical areas that have been drawn toward Southwest Michigan during the pandemic include Chicago, Grand Rapids and South Bend.

Gustafson said they are keeping an eye on the effects of the number of people moving from Illinois and Indiana.

"The housing market has been remarkably hot, but this is one of the slower metrics to track. By mid-2021 we can see where it goes," he said. "With the flexibility in the workforce, there's a hypothesis we could stand to gain white collar workers from Detroit and Indianapolis. We need to wait to see where folks file their taxes and where businesses file their payroll taxes."

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OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

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A large flock of lake gulls gathers around a family as the sun sets along Lake Michigan this week in St. Joseph.

IN BRIEF

LaSata, Paquette to host office hour

LANSING —State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, and state Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, announced they will host a joint office hour opportunity for Southwest Michigan residents on Tuesday from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at Wonderland Cinema and Cafe in Niles, according to a news release.

The event is open to residents to express their opinions or concerns about state government or to request assistance with a state issue.

Toastmasters to host open house Tuesday

The Twin City Toastmasters club is going to have a virtual open house on Tuesday, featuring the CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor, Brian Saxton, according to a news release. It is a great opportunity for residents to learn about leadership and public speaking skills.

The link for the open house is: http://bit.ly/TCT-Fall-OpenHouse

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Armed robbery

Donald L. Kissinger Jr., 22, of Fort Wayne, Ind., 20-60 years in prison, credit for 47 days served, $1,298 in fines and costs and $15,000 in restitution for armed robbery April 4 at a house in Three Oaks. Kissinger was sentenced as a habitual offender.

Assaulting/resisting police

Devonta K.C. Mathis, 26, of East Britain Avenue, Benton Harbor, 16 months to 2 years in jail, credit for 106 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Michigan State Police Trooper Robert Lindsay May 5 in Coloma Township; a concurrent term of 72 days for attempted tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, June 8 in Benton Township; and two concurrent terms of 72 days for contempt of court, a bond violation, and failure to appear in court.

Christopher A. Kirby, 26, no permanent address, 300 days in jail, credit for 43 days served, for third-degree fleeing police Aug. 29 in Three Oaks Township.

Weapons violations

Joshua W. Reynaga, 31, of Crawford Street, Benton Harbor, 366 days to 5 years in prison, $198 in costs and forfeiture of a handgun for possession of a firearm by a felon; and a consecutive term of 2 years, credit for 54 days served, for weapons felony firearms Aug. 27 in Benton Township.

Child support

John Robert-Andrew Scally, 35, of Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw, 13 months to 8 years in prison, $198 in costs and $15,411 in restitution for failure to pay child support from Feb. 1, 2019, to Jan. 31, 2020, in Berrien County.

Child abuse

Justin M. Ellis, 37, of Desaix Street, Niles, 60 days in jail, credit for 1 day served, $2,478 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for third-degree child abuse May 9, 2019, in Niles.

Home invasion

Winston J. Wilburn III, 20, of Plum Court, Benton Harbor, 29 months to 15 years in prison and $198 in costs for second-degree home invasion Oct. 30, 2018, at a house in Benton Township.

Stalking

Juan G. Lopez-Priest, 43, of Milton Street, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,685 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for stalking a woman between Aug. 9, 2017 and Aug. 9, 2019, in Lincoln Township.

Niles

Assault

Joshua W. Johnson, 24, of U.S. 31, Berrien Springs, 120 days in jail, credit for 66 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for domestic violence third offense, an assault on a man, Jan. 19 in Berrien Township.

Criminal sexual conduct

Jeremy W. Davis, 34, of St. Joseph Avenue, Niles, 55 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, $658 in fines and costs, 120 days on tether and 5 years probation for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, an assault on a 14-year-old girl, June 9 in Niles.

Justin D. Canniff, 40, of Ash Street, Niles, 54 months to 15 years in prison, credit for 69 days served, $258 in fines and costs, and $318 in restitution for second-degree criminal sexual conduct, an assault on a child under the age of 13, between Oct. 1, 2019 and May 13, 2020, in Niles.

Drugs

Matthew C. Shindeldecker, 26, of Zilke Road, Niles, $1,198 in fines and costs and driver's license suspended for one year for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, marijuana, Aug. 8 in Niles.

Robert B. Cumbess, 47, of Rynearson Road, Buchanan, 47 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 1 year for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, July 19 in Niles.

Johnathon M. Tripp, 40, of North Redbud Trail, Buchanan, 21 days in jail and $898 in fines and costs for use of a controlled substance, second offense, Aug. 8 in Buchanan Township.

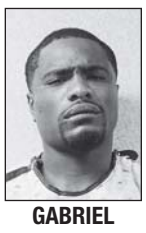
Assaulting/resisting police

Tyler A. Foust, 20, of Elkhart, Ind., 55 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Niles Police Officer Alan Vietzke Aug. 5 in Niles.

Detroit man sentenced in crash that killed his girlfriend

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Carmen Clark told a Berrien County judge Friday that her daughter, Carmisha Slayton, was the light of her life.



GABRIEL

"The bond we had was the best part of my life. To watch her fight for her life … I never left her side throughout a week of her fighting," Clark, appearing by video and talking through tears, told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gary Bruce. "The bond we had was the best part of my life. She was my everything, my best friend, my daughter."

Jajuan Gabriel, 24, told the judge he, too, loved Carmisha Slayton.

But Gabriel's actions on Feb. 15 caused Slayton's life to end. She was 22. They both were from Detroit.

Gabriel was sentenced, pursuant to a plea agreement, to two concurrent terms of 15-30 years in prison for fleeing police, causing death; and reckless driving causing death. A charge of second-degree murder was dismissed when Gabriel entered his plea in July. Second-degree murder carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

On Feb. 15, Gabriel led police on a wild chase through parts of Berrien and Van Buren counties before crashing his car on a rural road. Slayton was flown from the crash scene to a Kalamazoo hospital, where she died days later as a result of complications from multiple injuries. Gabriel was arrested Feb. 19.

According to testimony at a preliminary hearing earlier this year, the pursuit of Gabriel's vehicle began near Bridgman in Berrien County and ended on County Road 687 in Van Buren County, where the driver lost control and crashed the vehicle into a large utility pole.

Baroda-Lake Township Patrol Officer John Hopkins testified at the hearing that as he attempted to stop the speeding car in Berrien County, his patrol vehicle reached its maximum speed of 128 mph and he still could not get close enough to the speeding driver to see his license plate.

Hopkins radioed for backup and Berrien County sheriff's deputies joined the effort to stop the speeding car.

Michigan State Police Sgt. Brandon Davis testified at Gabriel's preliminary hearing as an expert accident investigator. He told the court that, based on the car's airbag control module, the fleeing vehicle was traveling 94 mph five seconds before impact, and 53 mph at impact. He added that there was no evidence of brakes being applied.

Davis said after the car went out of control and left the road it was slowed only by thick, piled up snow, before hitting the utility pole, with most of the impact on the passenger's side.

Berrien Chief Assistant Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli said Gabriel, who had been spotted speeding on I-94, was fleeing from police because there was a warrant for his arrest for an alleged probation violation from a previous conviction.

"We see so many cases of death come through here and they're all tragic," Pierangeli told the court. "This case is incredibly tragic because it was so avoidable. The community lost, as her family said, a 'hard-working, jolly, person,' and we'll never know how she would have changed the world. My heart goes out to (Slayton's mother). This is a life sentence for her."

Jolene Weiner-Vatter, Gabriel's lawyer, told the judge her client understands that no parent should ever have to bury a child. She said that although Gabriel and Slayton had been dating for just eight days, she was his childhood friend and, "This was not a cold heart. It was a 24-year-old not understanding the worst case scenario. There was no ill intent. This was his best friend."

Gabriel, appearing by video from the Berrien County Jail, apologized to Slayton's family.

"It was an honest mistake. I think about it every day. I regret it every day. I apologize to the entire family. I loved Carmisha as much as they did."

Before handing down his sentence, Judge Bruce told Gabriel, "Her family will never have the life they were intended to have. No sentence can give them that back."

He countered Gabriel's claim that his actions were "a mistake." He noted that Gabriel's criminal record contains 13 offenses and that he was on probation at the time.

"This was the result of a lifestyle you chose. It's unbelievable to me that you would travel at over 90 mph on I-94, inviting to be noticed by police. Then, to continue for 30 miles running from police, sometimes going over 120 mph on solid ice and snow. … It's a miracle no one else was killed," Bruce said.

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Rose VanAntwerp

Sept. 21, 1928 – Oct. 19, 2020

Virginia "Ginny" Rose VanAntwerp, 92, of St. Joseph went to meet her Lord in the early morning of Oct. 19, 2020.

Ginny wanted all her family and friends to gather to celebrate all the wonderful memories they share about her. A memorial service is being planned for the spring of 2021. In lieu of flowers Ginny asked any donations be made to the Ferris State University – Pharmacy Opportunity Fund, or the Lakeland Fowundation – Community Wellness Endowment. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Ginny was born on Sept. 21, 1928, in a small farmhouse on the outskirts of Clio, Mich. She was the youngest child born to Arthur and Lena Curtis.

She graduated from Hart High School in 1946, and that fall enrolled in the Ferris College of Pharmacy.

She got a job in Big Rapids at an eatery called "Bucks" to help pay for college. It was there she met, as she wrote, "the nicest person in the whole world," who came in every day to order tomato soup and a toasted cheese sandwich, and who happened to sit behind her in chemistry class; her future husband, Jack VanAntwerp.

They were married at the First Congregational Church in Hart, Mich., in 1947, and both became registered pharmacists upon graduation from Ferris.

Ginny worked at the pharmacy in Memorial Hospital for over 25 years and later owned a card and gift shop "Ginger Snaps" from 1975 to 1984. She was also involved with the Congregational Church of Benton Harbor, and Child and Family Services of the Twin Cities. Ginny loved golf and bowling and playing cards, especially bridge, and the Detroit Tigers. Ginny loved being with her family and friends and she was a wonderful cook.

Ginny is survived by her sons: David (Carole) VanAntwerp of Watervliet, Steve (Lorie) VanAntwerp of Winter Springs, Fla., Kevin (Beth) VanAntwerp of Fort Mill, S.C., and Tim (Patty) VanAntwerp of St. Joseph; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Doris Keldie of Boca Raton, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jack, in January 1991; and her siblings: Kenneth, Ethyl, and Roland, and one great-grandchild, Conner.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Dewey Hiler

Nov. 7, 1944 – Oct. 19, 2020

Dewey Stanley Hiler, of Traverse City, went to be with Jesus on Oct. 19 2020.

He was born the youngest of eight children in Watervliet, on Nov. 7, 1944, to Lester and Marjorie Hiler.

He grew up working on his family farm. He was a resident of the Traverse City area for over 30 years. Dewey had many titles in his life: A loving father and provider, proud U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, and tribal member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. He worked as a tree trimmer and retired as a printer. He was a master gardener, and entertaining guitar player and singer. He was quick to make friends and was loved by all those who knew him.

He is survived by wife, Stephanie (Downey) Hiler; his children: Jennifer (Toby) Wenzel, Dewey Hiler Jr., Chastity Hiler and Sarah (Nathan) Sweeney; grandchildren: Katelyn (Justin) Weaver, Jane and Elliot Sweeney; great-granddaughter, Iris Weaver; three sisters: Ilajean Wolf, Joahnita Paustian, Beverly Tidy; and one brother, Richard "Sonny" Hiler.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert; and two sisters: Ilene Scott and Dorothy Reynolds.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. A service will be held in Southwestern Michigan at a time to be determined.

If you wish to share a memory on Dewey's tribute page you may visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Myron Kesterke

Sept. 4, 1942 – Oct. 19, 2020

Myron "Mike" E. Kesterke, 78, of Dowagiac died Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A memorial service will be in April 2021, with times to be announced. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, is assisting the family, and online messages and memories may be shared at www.bowermanfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Myron was preceded in death by his parents: Myron W. and Lyla (Hartlerode) Kesterke. He served his country with the U.S. Air Force, and he was employed as a project manager for an oil refinery.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; daughter, Kathy (Mark) Stevens; grandson, Landon; brothers: Jack (Jean) Kesterke and Jerry (Della) Kesterke; nephews: Monte (Aimee) Kesterke and Mark (Kelly) Kesterke; nieces: Tara (Malachi) Voorhies and Andrea Kesterke; and many aunts, and cousins.

Gertrude Tillstrom

Jan. 26, 1925 – Oct. 23, 2020

Gertrude M. (Schmuhl) Tillstrom, 95, of St. Joseph passed away Oct. 23, 2020 at Woodland Terrace Assisted Living in Bridgman.

Gertrude was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Coloma, to Leslie and Frances Schmuhl.

She graduated from Coloma High School in 1942.

On Feb. 3, 1946, she married the love of her life, Robert B. Tillstrom. They were happily married for 45 years. Gertrude was a dedicated mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many. As a homemaker and partner in the family farm in Sodus, she and Bob grew their poultry business into one of the largest egg farms in the area. They also farmed fruit and grain on their expansive land.

Bob preceded her to heaven on July 2, 1991.

She is survived by her children: Linda Kurzynski of Stevensville, John Tillstrom of Holt, Mich., Thomas (Cheryl) Tillstrom of St Joseph and Valerie (Lee) Tillstrom Albright of Brighton, Mich. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Briana Tillstrom of Navarro, Calif., Preston (Megan) Tillstrom of Chicago, Steven Tillstrom of St. Joseph, Katelyn (Josh) Allington of Portage; step-grandchildren: Valerie (Tricia) Kurzynski of Fenton, Mich., and Gary (Marie) Kurzynski Jr of Fowlerville, Mich.; four step-great-grandchildren; her brother, Leslie Schmuhl Jr., of Coloma; and many beloved nieces and nephews here in Michigan and across the country.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus, where Gertrude has been a member for over 60 years, and she served in the Ladies Aid Society. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus. Those wishing to sign Gertrude's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Rachel Curl

Feb. 29, 2000 – Oct. 17, 2020

Rachel Marie Curl was born Feb. 29, 2000, at Bronson Lakeview Hospital, Paw Paw.

Rachel passed away suddenly Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Rachel enjoyed being around friends and family. She loved the beach and watching the sunsets. She loved her dog, Max, and loved everyone she came in contact with. She had a very kind heart and thought the world of all her family and friends. She was the light and the encouragement of everyone that knew her.

Rachel leaves behind four sisters: Vanessa, Katelynn, Sarah, and Lisa Curl. She also leaves behind her big brother, David Curl and her parents: Jennifer and David Curl. She also leaves behind her grandparents: Maxine Dorse, and Janet and Wayne Gacnik; along with several other aunts, uncles, her niece, Isabella, and nephew, Jayce.

Her death is preceded with her grandpa, Lovone Curl, and her aunt, Bonnie Glisson. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

The family will welcome friends from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at The Church Keeler, where the service to honor her memory will take place at 2 p.m. with Pastor Jesse Maya officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Rachel's family. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Carmen M. Diéguez

Carmen M. Diéguez, of Harris, N.Y. and St. Joseph passed away peacefully on Oct. 10, 2020. Her daughter, Nieves "Nina" Diéguez Molter was at her side.

Carmen was born in New York City in 1937, to Pedro and Amparo Ríos Neira. Her mother died when Carmen was just an infant leaving her an only child. From grade school on, she studied the piano, violin, voice and Flamenco dance. Her piano rendition of "La Malagueña" by Cuban Classical Composer Ernesto Lecuona was positively stirring.

Carmen graduated from the High School of Music and Art in Harlem, and at the age of 18, performed on the piano at Carnegie Recital Hall. After high school, she worked various jobs and attended Columbia University in the evenings. Her first "real job" was as a secretary and Spanish/English interpreter at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York where she worked for eight years.

In December 1960, Carmen married Generoso "Henry" Diéguez and took a hiatus from college to work and raise a family. They had two children: Nieves and Pedro in 1963 and 1966, respectively. When her children were school-aged, Carmen decided to volunteer in the classroom.

The encouragement she received from the teachers and administrators sparked her desire to finish college and become a teacher. She had found her calling. She returned to college and graduated cum laude with a master's degree in Spanish and English as a second language from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

While Carmen's teaching career spanned over 30 years, her commitment to serving Hispanics, minorities, and those less fortunate was equally important to her. A devoted Roman Catholic, she worked tirelessly giving those in need her attention and care with a pinch of her comedic humor. She delighted in making people smile. As wife, mother, teacher, and mentor, she believed that compassion and helping others was the best gift anyone could give. Making others laugh while doing so was the icing on the cake.

Carmen lived by example. In New York, she served on the boards of the Sullivan County Cares Coalition, the Liberty Youth Center, and the Liberty Community Development Corporation, all charitable organizations about which she was passionate. In 2006 she received honors from the Sullivan County Chapter of the NAACP. She was admired for her contributions by former students, peers, educators, and members of the community.

When she moved to Michigan and started to shows signs of dementia, she continued to volunteer in a limited capacity at Brookview School and The Readiness Center, both in Benton Harbor. Giving of herself even within the confines of her illness was her nature.

A lifelong passion, Carmen continued to play the piano until the advanced stages of Alzheimer's got the better of her. She liked to swim and enjoyed gardening. She loved a party, crashed more than a few weddings, and was an engaging hostess – it was hard to get her to sit down. As her mind faltered in the last decade of her life, Carmen remained physically active. She was often seen walking – first along the beach, then downtown, and finally, in the halls at The Whitcomb.

Carmen was an affectionate and nurturing wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend – encouraging, patient, and almost always cheerful. She embodied positivity in everything she did, and delivered it with her beaming smile. She was romantic and idealistic. She appreciated each and every Michigan sunset and loved her grandchildren beyond measure. Her grandchildren remember her making time to play hide-and-seek, pick wildflowers, spy birds, and pretend-wrestle. Her grandson Quinn said, "she was the most real person I've ever known." There was no pretense in her. She was curious, unassuming and unaffected.

She was pre-deceased by Generoso, her husband of 40 years; her beloved son, Pedro Manuel; her dearest friend, Rose Doery; and her doting companion, Alvin Braudo.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Nieves Diéguez and Greg A. Molter; three grandchildren: Quinn A. Molter-Diéguez, Isabel R. Molter, and Harlie K. Diasparra; her favorite "daughter" goddaughter, Elena Machado Dalleo; friends and colleagues in New York; and treasured family in Spain. Her indelible smile and generosity of spirit will be terribly missed.

A private visitation was held at Starks Family Funeral Home in St. Joseph, and she was cremated on Oct. 14, 2020.

In her memory, charitable donations can be made to The Readiness Center, 347 Catalpa Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, 269-926-4084, www.readinesscenterinc.org, or Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane St. Joseph, MI 49085, 269-429-7100, www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Mary (DeWitt) Bayman, 80, of Watervliet died Oct. 23, 2020. Purely Cremations, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Rachel Curl, 20, died Oct. 17, 2020. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Carmen M. Diéguez, of Harris, N.Y. and St. Joseph, died Oct. 10, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Joseph G. Edmunds, 93, of Bridgman died Oct. 16, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Myron Kesterke, 78, of Dowagiac died Oct. 19, 2020. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Richard Neubauer, 85, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 23, 2020, Caretel Inns, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Gertrude M. (Schmuhl) Tillstrom, 95, of St. Joseph died Oct. 23, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Douglas Wylie, 67, of Niles died Oct. 23, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Asteroid samples escaping from jammed spacecraft

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A NASA spacecraft is stuffed with so much asteroid rubble from this week's grab that it's jammed open and precious particles are drifting away in space, scientists said Friday.

Scientists announced the news three days after the spacecraft named Osiris-Rex briefly touched asteroid Bennu 200 million miles away.

The mission's lead scientist, Dante Lauretta, said Tuesday's operation collected far more material than expected for return to Earth – in the hundreds of grams. The sample container on the end of the robot arm penetrated so deeply into the asteroid and with such force, however, that rocks got sucked in and became wedged around the rim of the lid.

The team was scrambling to put the sample container into the return capsule as early as Tuesday – much sooner than originally planned – for the long trip home. Particles are continuing to escape, and scientists want to minimize the loss.

"Time is of the essence," said Thomas Zurbuchen, chief of NASA's science missions.

A cloud of asteroid particles could be seen swirling around the spacecraft as it backed away from Bennu – at any one time. The situation appeared to stabilize, according to Lauretta, once the robot arm stopped moving and was locked into place.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Justin Joseph Amellio and Carl Eric Ashbrook both of Niles.

Melody Dawn Beall of Benton Harbor and Paul William Smith of South Haven.

Jacquline Annette Churchill of Stevensville and Shane William Ross of St. Joseph.

Jullian Marie Dudczyk of Westmont, Ill., and Michael James Prill of North Aurora, Ill.

Morgan Elizabeth French and Randi Lyn Loggains both of Niles.

Cortney Nichole Gerard of St. Joseph and Justin Ray Taglavore of Three Rivers.

Heather Marie Helt and Philip Lee Parm both of Buchanan.

Katherine Elise Jordan of Chicago and Matthew John Elizalde of Summit, Ill.

Karlianne Loshbough of Watervliet and Tyler John Burbach of Sodus.

Rachel Renee Patterson and Brandon Michael VanDyke both of Niles.

Jakia Monay Robinson and Decorey Eddie Jones both of Benton Harbor.

Angela Cheree Rodriguez and James Arthur Antio of Coloma.

Valerie Jean Sowinski of Arcadia, Fla., and Leslie August Draws of Berrien Springs.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Buchanan – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Erica and John Ott, 8:12 a.m. Oct. 16.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Stephanie Cummings and James Howell, 8:06 a.m. Oct. 16.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, Gabriela and Rolando Mancera, 9:45 p.m. Oct. 14.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, Kellie Motte and James Popke, 9:36 a.m. Oct. 16.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 3 pounds, 11 ounces, Laurel Sunshine and Fransico Say-Zocartas, 2:57 a.m. Oct. 17.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, Ashley Walton and Allen Ford, 11:50 a.m. Oct. 15.

Berrien Springs – Boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Stephanie and Jayson Siebold, 12:01 p.m. Oct. 15.

Berrien Springs – Girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Deborah L. Spates and Terry L. Hegar, 5:17 p.m. Oct. 18.

Bridgman – Boy, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, Tiffany and Benjamin Bryan, 12:52 a.m. Oct. 21.

Bridgman – Boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Amanda and Ryan Lingerfelt, 9:08 a.m. Oct. 17.

Buchanan – Boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Ashlyn Pastryk and Dakota Forler, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22.

Decatur – Boy, 7 pounds 10 ounces, Carolina Moreno and Cesar Martinez, 12:04 a.m. Oct. 19.

Dowagiac – Girl, 9 pounds, 9 ounces, Nicole and Phillip Seitenstich, 9:21 p.m. Oct. 20.

Lakeside – Boy, 7 pounds 14 ounces, Keara Shannon and Tlor Gumns, 11:20 p.m. Oct. 13.

St. Joseph – Girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Michelle and Brendan Barnes, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

Getting it straight

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LIBRARIES

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hours a day. That's usually 60 people an hour on average. It's a concern to us because we ultimately want to be here to help our patrons get the materials they need. We are a resource for the community."

Mary Harrison, director of Coloma Public Library, said their attendance also decreased after switching to an appointment model.

"People were surprised that we were open at different points during the pandemic," Harrison said. "I do have some patrons nervous to come into the building. To address that, we put a cart outside with free books that can be browsed."

Booking it

Southwest Michigan libraries have adopted a unique approach to accepting books back form the public. In Benton Harbor, Boyer's staff is quarantining materials for seven days in a separate room.

Boyer said they are basing this on several studies on viruses. While a week might seem long, Boyer said they want to be extra safe.

"It's not enough to infect people, but in an abundance of caution we are quarantining them for seven days," she said.

St. Joseph's library has its patrons return all books into its outdoor drop box. Items immediately go into quarantine for five days.

In Coloma, Harrison said they quarantine books for three days.

"The truth is people are washing their hands more so we feel pretty good about that," she said. "You can't wash the pages of a book, but we do wipe the covers."

Screen time

Among the services at libraries that still see steady use are the computers and copiers.

Benton Harbor has seen strong Wi-Fi usage, including usage outside the building. Boyer said they added a charging table outside for patrons and residents.

"It seems the computers and photocopiers are being used the most," Boyer said. "We opened the fax machine, but we originally didn't offer it."

Harrison said the use of e-books has shot up in Coloma.

"They are checking them out like crazy," she said. "Our database typically only allowed their use inside the library, but due to the pandemic, people are given access to it from home. That service has been surging."

Heading into the winter season, Boyer said the Benton Harbor library will attempt keep the same level of service it has had – unless directed otherwise by health officials.

She said they still intend to offer online library cards.

"We will still limit the number of people allowed in at a time. That hasn't been a big deal so far," Boyer said. "We will be closed for an extended amount of time around Christmas to give staff some extra time off with their families."

Harrison said the Coloma library will try to ramp up its craft programs so patrons can have things to take home with them.

"We want people to come in here and read as long as they social distance," Harrison said. "It's difficult because we're trying to remake our programming. We are also in the process of getting hotspots through a grant from the Berrien Community Foundation."

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WED. - FRI. 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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A number of restrictions are posted outside the Benton Harbor Public Library.

A selection of books from the children's department at the Benton Harbor Public Library has temporarily been moved to the reference room as a safety precaution during the pandemic.

Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough reacts to Friday's announcement.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, right, speaks during a news conference regarding water infrastructure improvements in Benton Harbor.

LEAD

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currently, many lead lines are being replaced as part of the city's $15 million infrastructure replacement project, which is underway now and expected to be completed in 2021.

"We already have the plans," he said. "The issue was the (funding). We're ready to hit the ground running."

The mayor said that when the order came down from the state that municipalities have to start replacing lead service lines not only to the home's property line, but to the house, it was an unfunded mandate. He said when he talked with Upton about the problem, Upton not only listened, but came up with a solution.

"The state of Michigan, known as Pure Michigan, it is that. However, until we have clean drinking water in every household, then that can be looked at as a symbol without substance," Muhammad said. "Today marks a great step … where we can make that a reality."

Benton Harbor has been under a state water advisory for having higher-than-acceptable levels of lead in the drinking water in some of its homes for two years. City officials have said they believe that the problem is with lead service lines leading to the houses, as well as in the plumbing in houses.

Bonnifer Ballard, executive director of the Michigan Section of American Water Works Association, said much of Michigan's water infrastructure is past its expected useful life. She said this grant will help solve part of the problem. She encouraged homeowners and businesses to have their interior plumbing inspected to make certain there are no lead pipes in them.

Said Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough: "This is my district. This is my home. I was born here. Lived here all my life. I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you."

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Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad talks about how the city will benefit from new funding to remove lead service lines that bring water to homes.

VOTING

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"As these delays continue across the country just weeks before the upcoming presidential election, it is incumbent upon you to take immediate and necessary actions to fully restore on-time mail delivery," U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, a Michigan Democrat, wrote to DeJoy this week.

In a statement, Postal Service spokesman David Partenheimer said offices have been authorized to use expanded processing procedures, additional delivery and collection trips, and overtime hours to ensure election mail arrives on time. The agency also announced it will treat election mail as first-class, which had previously been an informal policy.

"The Postal Service is fully committed and actively working to handle the increase in election mail volume across the country over the next two weeks," Partenheimer said.

Mail-in ballots arriving past the deadline is a main reason many of them get rejected. That has led election officials nationwide to urge voters to return ballots as soon as possible or take advantage of ballot drop boxes or early in-person voting.

The postal district that covers the eastern third of Michigan, including Detroit and its suburbs, has consistently been one of the worst performing regions. It had the nation's slowest deliveries in the opening days of October, with just 70.9 percent of mail arriving on time.

Michigan has sent every registered voter a ballot application, but mail-in votes must arrive by Election Day to count, following a court order that blocked a 14-day extension backed by Democrats. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has told voters who have not yet mailed in their ballots to skip the Postal Service altogether and put ballots in a drop box or take them to their local clerk's office.

Other battleground areas also showed problems in early October, with delivery rates of first-class mail below the national average. That includes all of Ohio and districts that encompass major urban areas in Wisconsin, Georgia and North Carolina.

Postal delays also could compound existing issues that have cropped up in recent weeks as election officials manage the unprecedented surge in mail voting with deadlines looming.

In Ohio earlier this month, a machine error led to 50,000 incorrect absentee ballots being sent. Then hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots were delayed when the company printing them became overwhelmed by the volume of ballots requested.

While Ohio allows ballots to be counted if they arrive up to 10 days after the election, they must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

For 18 years, the lifelike head of an American bison has overlooked graduations, dances and sports events in Slater Gymnasium. But it wasn't really *the* New Buffalo Bison. It didn't belong to New Buffalo High School. The trophy head was on indefinite loan from Kenneth Krueger, who discovered through old records he had loaned the bison head to the school in 1977, and it was time to make it a permanent gift. Krueger acquired the buffalo head from a college roommate, who told Krueger his grandfather had shot the buffalo sometime in the 1800s.

1985 – 35 years ago

The emergency room can be frightening for children and adults. But a new book now being distributed at Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph is designed to help alleviate some of the fears for little ones. A free coloring book, "Maria's Emergency Room Adventure," tells the story of Maria and her trip to the emergency room of Mercy and Memorial hospitals, Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Maria is treated in Med Express, a service for minor emergencies, since the cut on her foot is not that serious. But while she is at the hospital, Maria sees children being treated for more serious problems. Two pages are left blank in the back of the book so children can explain and draw a picture of their experience.

1970 – 50 years ago

Congressman Edward Hutchinson, R-Fennville, finished a two-day campaign swing through Van Buren County on Thursday with coffees, a luncheon and a question-and-answer session with members of Gobles High School's American government class. Hutchinson commented on such questions as legalized marijuana, the 18-year-old vote and President Richard Nixon's Southeast Asian policies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Oct. 24, the 298th day of 2020. There are 68 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 24, 1972, Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who'd broken Major League Baseball's modern-era color barrier in 1947, died in Stamford, Connecticut, at age 53.

On this date:

In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent by Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California from San Francisco to President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., over a line built by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
49°	36°	52° / 39°	47° / 35°	46° / 36°	52° / 39°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high of 49°, humidity of 64%. South southeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 36°. Northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 31°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:09 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:49 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 4:10 p.m.
Moonset ..... 12:58 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/31	11/8	11/15	11/22

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	69°
Low	43°
Normal High	60°
Normal Low	41°
Record High	76° in 2016
Record Low	30° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.16"
Month to date	1.80"
Normal for month	2.45"
Year to date	29.99"
Normal Year to date	31.20"

Air Quality

Yesterday 29
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

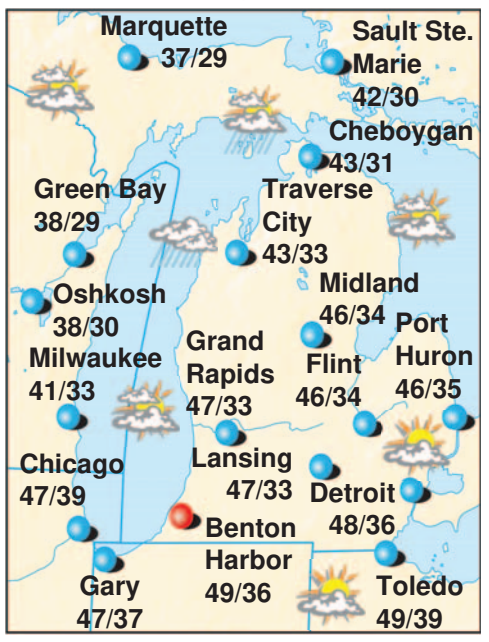
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What was the name of the first weather satellite?

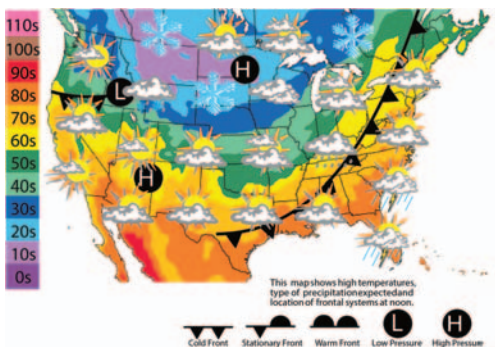
Answer: Tiros 1.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 24, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NNE wind 7 to 9 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 5 ft subsiding to 2 ft. Water temperature 54 degrees. Tonight, ENE wind 6 to 8 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. West wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers and snow showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. East southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. South southeast wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s and 50s. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Judge: Michigan agency can evaluate Great Lakes tunnel plan

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

Dale G Young / Detroit News via AP, File

Fresh nuts, bolts and fittings are ready to be added to the east leg of the pipeline near St. Ignace in June 2017, as Enbridge prepares to test the east and west sides of the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac in Mackinaw City.

TRAVERSE CITY — The Michigan Public Service Commission has some authority over Enbridge's plans to build an oil pipeline tunnel beneath the channel that connects two of the Great Lakes, a state administrative law judge ruled Friday.

The agency can evaluate the need for the project and whether it would be designed, constructed and operated safely, Judge Dennis W. Mack said. But the commission should not delve into broader issues such as how the pipeline contributes to climate change, he added.

The split decision suggests the commission, which regulates public utilities such as electric power, telecommunications and natural gas services, might play a pivotal role in determining whether the project goes forward.

Enbridge also needs permits from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We look forward to working with the Michigan Public Service Commission as the PSC gives ample opportunity for all Michiganders to be heard – while preventing the process from being misused to promote issues unrelated to the project," company spokesman Ryan Duffy said.

Environmental groups fighting the tunnel plan praised the judge's finding that the commission could weigh the project's safety but also expressed disappointment that he limited the inquiry.

"We believe Enbridge should be held directly accountable ... for climate impacts and compliance with Michigan's environmental laws," said David Holtz, spokesman for Oil & Water Don't Mix. "However, Enbridge's attempt to avoid a thorough review of its controversial proposed oil tunnel has been dealt a major setback by this ruling."

The Canadian energy transport company operates Line 5, which daily carries about 23 million gallons of crude oil and natural gas liquids used in propane. It runs between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario, crossing parts of northern Michigan.

A more than 4-mile section divides into two pipes that run along the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, which links Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has joined environmentalists and native tribes in calling for shutdown of the 67-year-old line, saying the underwater segment is vulnerable to a catastrophic rupture.

Enbridge noted that it's in good condition but has proposed running a new section of pipe through a $500 million tunnel that would be drilled beneath the straits.

The public service commission has a say over the company's plan because it would need to approve relocating Line 5.

Enbridge argued that the commission's scope was limited to the pipeline itself, not the proposed tunnel, which would be overseen by the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority, established in 2018.

But in his ruling, Mack concluded that the pipeline and tunnel were "inextricably connected."

While the commission would not decide whether to approve the tunnel, it would question whether the pipeline relocation would serve a public need, is designed and routed reasonably, and would "satisfy applicable safety and engineering standards," he noted.

Mack agreed with Enbridge that the commission shouldn't consider whether the entire 645-mile pipeline needs to continue operating, as environmental groups and tribes wanted.

It's appropriate for the commission to consider whether the pipeline relocation would comply with the Michigan Environmental Policy Act, relying on state and federal agency experts, Mack said.

But he said there was no legal basis for making global warming caused by fossil fuels transported through the pipeline a factor in the commission's decision. Environmentalists said they would appeal that part of his ruling.

"There is no getting around the fact that building a new oil tunnel to operate for up to 99 years would exacerbate climate change," said Kate Madigan of the Michigan Climate Action Network.

Washington state discovers first 'murder hornet' nest in U.S.

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Scientists in Washington state have discovered the first nest of so-called murder hornets in the United States and plan to wipe it out Saturday to protect native honeybees, officials said.

Workers with the state Agriculture Department spent weeks searching, trapping and using dental floss to tie tracking devices to Asian giant hornets, which can deliver painful stings to people and spit venom but are the biggest threat to honeybees that farmers depend on to pollinate crops.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we did it," agency spokeswoman Karla Salp said at a virtual briefing. Bad weather delayed plans Friday to destroy the nest found in Blaine, a city north of Seattle.

The nest is about the size of a basketball and contains an estimated 100 to 200 hornets, according to scientists, who suspected it was in the area ever since the invasive insects began appearing late last year. Officials have said it's not known how they arrived in North America.

Despite their nickname and the hype that has stirred fears in an already bleak year, the world's largest hornets kill at most a few dozen people a year in Asian countries, and experts say it is probably far less. Meanwhile, hornets, wasps and bees typically found in the United States kill an average of 62 people a year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said.

The real threat from Asian giant hornets – which are 2 inches long – is their devastating attacks on honeybees, which are already under siege from problems like mites, diseases, pesticides and loss of food. A small group of the hornets can kill an entire honeybee hive in hours, and they have already destroyed six or seven hives in Washington state, officials said.

The nest was found after an Agriculture Department worker trapped two of the hornets Wednesday. Two more were captured Thursday, the agency said.

Using dental floss, "entomologists were able to attach radio trackers to three hornets, the second of which led them to the discovery of the nest" Thursday, agriculture officials said.

It was about 300 yards from the traps in the cavity of a tree on private property, officials said. Dozens of the hornets were seen buzzing in and out of the tree about 7 or 8 feet above the ground. The owner is letting the state eradicate the nest and remove the tree.

The plan Saturday is to fill the cavity with foam and cover it with plastic wrap to prevent the hornets from escaping, said Sven-Erik Spichiger, an entomologist for the Agriculture Department. Then a tube will be inserted to vacuum up the hornets trapped inside and deposit them in a collection chamber, he said.

LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

House Bill 6137, Require nursing home coronavirus disclosures and rules: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to post coronavirus data for each nursing home in the state on its public website starting Nov. 15, 2020. The department would also have to post the nursing home virus historical data it has collected. This would have to include the number of new and cumulative cases among residents and staff for the reporting period, testing regimes, transferred residents, visitation policies and more.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6293, Slightly reduce coronavirus test giver restrictions: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To make explicit in statute that until the end of 2020, a coronavirus test may be administered by a "qualified licensee," defined as a licensed pharmacist, "advanced practice registered nurse," "registered professional nurse," "licensed practical nurse" or a licensed "physician's assistant." The bill would also make explicit that a license is not required to screen an individual receiving a test, observe self-collection of a saliva sample, temporarily store a specimen pending its transmittal to a lab, and certain reporting and referral activities.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5757, Waive license extension late fees in epidemic: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To waive late fees on renewing an enhanced driver license or enhanced state identification card that expired during the coronavirus epidemic until, if renewed by Dec. 11, 2020.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6294, Authorize electronic legal document signatures during epidemic: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To establish that, for the period between April 30, 2020 and Jan. 1, 2021, the requirements for signing or witnessing the execution of a will, a funeral representative designation, a parental appointment of a guardian for a minor, an appointment of a guardian for a legally incapacitated individual, a durable power of attorney, or a patient advocate designation "are considered satisfied by use of a 2-way real-time audiovisual technology" using procedures specified in the bill.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6297, House Bill 6297: Authorize electronic notarizations during epidemic: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To permit notary publics to provide notarizations through the end of 2020 using a "2-way real-time audiovisual technology that allows direct interaction between the individual seeking the notary's services, any witnesses, and the notary," as specified in the bill.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 6296, Authorize electronic deed and document recording during epidemic: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

To permit and require county registers of deeds to accept electronic documents for recording for the period between April 30, 2020 and Jan. 1, 2021, for which they "need only act in substantial compliance" with an existing law that permits but does not require this.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata, R – Bainbridge Twp.	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R – Lawton	Y

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hp SPORTS

Friday night football scores

St. Joseph	22	Berrien Springs	41	Dowagiac	20	Parchment	24
BC Lakeview	14	Cassopolis	0	Niles	0	Watervliet	8
DeWitt	43	Buchanan	20	Constantine	70	South Haven	65
Lakeshore	6	Brandywine	6	Coloma	32	Hartford	20
BC Harper Creek	29					Bridgman	54
Benton Harbor	14					Tri-unity	(OT) 53

Bridgman pulls off record comeback

Bees erase 47-point deficit, defeat Wyoming Tri-unity in overtime

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman's eight-man football team erased a 47-point deficit to complete a massive come-from-behind victory against Wyoming Tri-unity Christian on Friday night at Bridgman.

The Bees trailed 47-0 with less than 10 seconds remaining in the first half, but were able to score 47 unanswered points of their own, eventually forcing overtime and narrowly edging the Defenders, 54-53.

"We knew they could do it," Bridgman coach Aaron Locke said. "(Our coaches) were really challenging kids, really saying the things they needed to hear at the time. The kids responded amazingly. I was really proud of how much fight I saw in their eyes. They turned on a switch and they didn't give up. That's what you get when you keep playing and working hard.

"That's got to break some kind of record or something."

In fact, it did.

Prior to Friday night, the largest comeback in MHSAA history had been a 32-0 deficit overcome by Ionia against McBain in October of 2017. And that was an 11-man game.

The Bees will now hold a spot in eight-man football history.

"At halftime, we just talked about how we know we can play better than what we were doing," said quarterback Reid Haskins, who lended a hand in six of the Bees' eight scores, including both the game-tying score in regulation and in overtime. "We have the potential to be so great, but we just had to make sure we were all doing our jobs and playing to what we can really be."

The Defenders (2-4 Southwestern Michigan 8-Man Football League, 2-4) opened the game with 47 straight points before the Bees (5-1, 5-1) finally found the endzone twice in a five second span to end the half.

Bridgman quarterback Reid Haskins scored on a 7-yard run with five seconds left, then, following the ensuing kickoff, Tri-unity attempted a reverse play that was fumbled on the second exchange.

Nate Necas recovered the loose ball and returned it 37 yards as time expired to cut the deficit to 47-14 and gain some needed momentum entering halftime.

The Defenders scored in the first half on four runs by Joshua Rillema (34, 15, 1 and 27), a 17-yard run by quarterback Jaden Ophoff and a 3-yard lug by Braiden Luurtsema.

Rillema led Tri-Unity with 152 yards and four TDs on 24 carries.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien Springs' Ben Eising celebrates a two-point conversion during the first half of Friday night's game against Cassopolis.

It just takes time

Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien Springs' Jamal Hailey pushes past Cassopolis' Jerry Johnson during the first half of Friday night's game.

Berrien Springs rolls past Cassopolis for 2nd straight victory

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien Springs has put some big numbers on its big new football scoreboard two weeks in a row.

The Shamrocks defeated Cassopolis 41-0 on Friday in their second game at Sylvester Stadium, their new home field.

Berrien Springs (3-3) won its first game at the new complex 44-21 over Brandywine last week. In their first four games, the Shamrocks managed just 60 total points.

"I think we're improving," Berrien Springs coach Elliot Uzelac said. "The light went on last week on what we're trying to do on our offense, and that helped us. But we've still got a long way to go.

"It was a slow process. We were hoping it'd be faster, but it wasn't. We'll just take it for what it's worth, and I'll take the win. We're happy to have a win."

Cassopolis (2-4) has lost four games in a season for the first time since 2014. The usually-strong Rangers were coming off a forfeit loss to Mendon, and had just 16 players available.

"Let me give them credit," Uzelac said. "They had players injured, they have players sick, and they came here and they played their guts out against us. I told them that after the game. They ought to be very proud of themselves because if they had a full contingency, it wouldn't be like that. They've got a very good program."

Running back Jamal Hailey led Berrien Springs with 12 carries for 111 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Marshall McFarland had 77 yards rushing and a score, and threw for 51 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown to Aidan Rindfield.

The Shamrocks scored on all four of their first-half possessions to lead 29-0 at the break. Though occasionally slowed by penalties or other mistakes, they had 12 first downs in the half.

Cassopolis managed just 81 yards of offense. Much of it came on a drive that moved inside the Berrien

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BH can't stop Harper Creek ground game

Tigers fall to Beavers, who rush for 300 yards

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

BENTON HARBOR — Battle Creek Harper Creek's ground game proved too much for Benton Harbor to handle Friday night.

Led by tailbacks Jalen McCray and Merritt Wilson, the Beavers toppled the Tigers, 29-14, on a windy and rainy night at Filstrup Field.

McCray rushed for three touchdowns and 191 yards on 26 carries, and Wilson added one TD, gaining 95 yards on 14 lugs. Harper Creek rushed for just over 300 yards to end the regular season at 4-2.

"They eventually wore us down, now we must regroup for the playoffs," said Jinks Arnold, Benton Harbor coach, whose squad fell to 2-4.

The Tigers combination of quarterback Tyler Meeks and receiver Jacarius McKinney-McGee accounted for both Harbor touchdowns on passes of 31 and 54 yards. But for the most part the Tigers passing game never really got untracked in the wind and rain.

"We tried to set things up with our running game, and when their defense came up, we tried to pass it around," noted Jinks. "But we fell behind early and we're playing catch up the whole game."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Beavers scored twice in the second to take a 14-0 lead into halftime on a 16-yard run mu McCray and 5-yard burst by Wilson.

The Tigers' first score in the third

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MHSAA approves plan to start winter sports on time

Facial coverings will be required for many athletes

From THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association confirmed during its meeting Thursday that 2020-21 winter sports will begin on time, and also approved a series of guidelines for those sports that schools must follow as they continue to work toward limiting the spread of COVID-19 while still providing opportunities for athletes to compete.

Most high school sports traditionally begin practice during the first three weeks of November, with competition starting during mid-November and the first weeks of December. The starts of middle school winter sports seasons are determined by local leagues and conferences; many are slated to begin during the next few weeks.

Sport-specific guidelines for all winter sports will be posted early next week to their respective sport pages on the MHSAA Website at mhsaa.com/sports. A number of precautions have been put in place addressing competition limits, numbers of spectators allowed and wearing of face coverings, among a variety of topics. The guidance also specifically addresses equipment and facilities for each sport.

"The council believes it is safer to begin winter practices on time, and keep athletes in school programs where safety precautions are always in effect," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "With the vastly different circumstances faced by schools in different regions all over the state, an on-time start still allows schools to decide when they feel most comfortable beginning activity – and allows all of them to slowly ramp up their frequency of activity and numbers of spectators attending competitions.

"But let's be clear: Our statewide COVID-19 numbers have to get better. In order for our schools to continue playing sports this winter, and in order for fans to be there to cheer them on, we must continue working to slow down this virus."

As with fall sports, scrimmages will not be allowed for winter sports to limit mixing of communities outside of official competitions. The numbers of teams at regular-season competitions also will be limited, like during fall, with a maximum of four schools/teams allowed in competitive cheer, gymnastics, swimming and diving, and wrestling. Bowling and skiing competitions will be restricted to a maximum of 72 competitors at one event.

There are no school/team limits for basketball and ice hockey, as only two teams are able to play each other at one time and those sports may play only one game per day – with fans leaving after their game is complete. Host sites must strictly enforce spectator capacity limits on a game-by-game basis. The council approved as part of these guidelines an allowance of two spectators per participant at all contests to begin the regular season. This guideline could be reconsidered by the council later in the winter season, with a possibility of allowing more spectators later while still staying within possible Emergency Orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

As per MDHHS requirements, face coverings must be worn by athletes practicing and competing in basketball, competitive cheer, ice hockey and wrestling. They are not required for athletes practicing and competing in bowling, gymnastics, skiing and swimming and diving, which all allow for appropriate social distancing – but face coverings are required for those athletes when not involved in active participation.

HOMETOWN HEROES

The Herald-Palladium will recognize exceptional results by local youth and recreational groups. Photos must be in focus and every person in the photo must be identified for publication. Teams are limited to one appearance a season and/or calendar year.

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The Southwest Michigan Kickers 2007 Blue girls team qualified for the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association State Cup Final. They will play Sporting Michigan for the championship at 1 p.m. Sunday in Saginaw. The Kickers went undefeated in three group matches in the U14 Premier Division.

Team members include (front row, left:) Alana Razor, Megan Wurster, Helaina Mihalik, Paige Lies, Paige Benedict, Preslee Perkins, Megan Painter. Back row, left: assistant coach Brian Pruett, Rachel Kalamaros, Livvie Kyncl, Vanessa Alcarez, Lainie Jones, Isabella Lovelace, Emily Lockman, Charly Shell, Evyn Pruett, head coach Gil Urban.

Lions, Falcons both eyeing rare feat: a winning streak

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons actually have a shot at a winning streak.

Ditto for the Detroit Lions, who haven't won back-to-back games in more than a year.

At the moment, that's the sole focus for these struggling teams.

Two in a row.

"I stopped looking at the standings about three weeks ago," Falcons running back Todd Gurley said with a chuckle. "Just focus on the next week and the rest will take care of itself."

Atlanta (1-5) began its season with five straight losses, becoming the first team in NFL history to lose consecutive games after leading by at least 15 points in the fourth quarter.

That led to the firing of coach Dan Quinn, who was replaced on an interim basis by defensive coordinator Raheem Morris.

The Falcons responded to the coaching change with an impressive 40-23 victory over the Minnesota Vikings, which lightened the mood considerably in the A-T-L.

"The guys are adopting this 1-0 mentality," said Morris, who is hoping to work his way into the mix as Quinn's permanent replacement. "Everybody I see just keeps saying, 'Hey, let's go 1-0 again.'"

Coming off a bye week, the Lions (2-3) romped to a 34-16 victory at Jacksonville, finally showing they could hold a double-digit lead.

The Lions haven't had a winning streak since Weeks 2 and 3 of the 2019 season.

"That's good for everybody just to have a little bit of confidence in some of the things we were doing and be able to see it and honestly see what I would call 'two weeks of work' really show up in a game," said Detroit's Matt Patricia, who is facing questions about his coaching future.

Mimicking the Falcons, Detroit squandered leads of 17, 14 and 11 points in its three losses.

The bye week provided a chance to reset.

"We thought it was a really good time for us to grind it out and really take a look at the first four games," Patricia said.

Both teams can cling to the hope that better days are ahead. The Lions are heading into what appears to be the easier part of their schedule, while the last-place Falcons have played only one game against NFC South opponents.

"There's always light at end of the tunnel," Gurley said.

Some things to watch for when the Falcons host the Lions before a socially distanced crowd at Mercedes-Benz Stadium:

Phelan M. Ebenhack / AP

Detroit Lions wide receiver Jamal Agnew runs on the field during the second half of last Sunday's game in Jacksonville.

Matty ice

After going 30 consecutive possessions without a touchdown pass, Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan got back on track against the Vikings.

Ryan completed 30 of 40 passes for 371 yards and four touchdowns, with no interceptions, to earn NFC offensive player of the week honors.

Ryan joined Drew Brees, Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers as the only players in NFL history to complete at least 75 percent of their passes while passing for at least 350 yards and four touchdowns without an interception in multiple games.

With Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley at his disposal, Ryan may have a chance for another big day. The Lions allowed Jacksonville's Keelan Cole to catch six passes for 143 yards.

"There's still a lot of work to do," Ryan said. "We've got to find a way to get the job done this week. Every week, there's a new set of challenges."

Swiftly rising

The Lions may be moving toward the realization that rookie D'Andre Swift deserves the lead role in the backfield over 35-year-old Adrian Peterson, one of the great runners in NFL history.

Swift went for 116 yards and two touchdowns against the Jaguars, including a 54-yard burst that was the team's longest rushing play of the season.

"There was a couple of really nice runs for him, particularly on our wide zones that he made some nice cuts, had some really good reads and I think from that point, maybe we gave him a couple extra carries because he was running it and seeing it so well," offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell said.

Swift got off to a rough start this season when he dropped what could have been the winning touchdown in the final seconds of the opener against the Chicago Bears. But he's bounced back from that blunder, ranking second on the team with 16 receptions and averaging 6.1 yards per rush.

Still kicking

Before writing off Peterson, it is worth noting that he rushed for 93 yards last week and joined receiver Danny Amendola in pulling off a feat that hadn't been done in two decades.

With Amendola picking up 81 yards receiving, they became the first teammates at least 34 years old to have 80-plus yards rushing and receiving since 2000, when Rich Gannon and Tim Brown did it with the Raiders.

Stopping the run

After struggling to slow the run early in the season, the Lions held Jacksonville to just 44 yards on the ground.

Now, they've got to face Gurley, who seems to be getting up to the speed in the Falcons offense. He rushed for 121 yards and added 29 yards receiving, marking his 15th career game with at least 150 yards from scrimmage since entering the league in 2015.

That's more than any other player over that span. He had been tied with Ezekiel Elliott and Christian McCaffrey.

Kicking game

Younghoe Koo has become a valuable weapon for the Falcons, making all but one of 16 attempts – including both tries from at least 50 yards.

Meanwhile, there's concern in Detroit over Matt Prater's accuracy from long range. He's missed all three of his chances from 50 yards after going 7 of 8 at that distance a year ago.

Of course, it's also worth noting that Prater remains perfect inside of 50.

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Bears, Rams hunting for respect on Monday night

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Chicago Bears don't get much respect for a 5-1 team. They can only win ugly, or so the conventional wisdom goes, and their luck is supposedly going to end when they meet an elite opponent.

The Los Angeles Rams (4-2) looked like an elite opponent until last week, when an unsightly loss to San Francisco led to a re-evaluation of just how good this team is as well.

One of these teams is likely to come out of the long-time NFC rivals' meeting Monday night at SoFi Stadium with a win that will give a huge boost to having credibility as a contender.

And if these clubs' recent history is any guide, their matchup will be decided by defense.

"Chicago is obviously a stout defense and a great defense, and we like to pride ourselves as a defensive team as well this year," Rams safety Taylor Rapp said. "Anytime you can get that matchup with another great defense and have that showdown, it's pretty cool."

The Bears and Rams have both thrived defensively this season, and that's not new. They've met twice in the previous two seasons, with Chicago embarrassing the Super Bowl-bound Rams in a freezing 15-6 victory in late 2018 before Los Angeles responded with a 17-7 win last year.

Chicago and Los Angeles are two of the seven NFL teams yielding fewer than 20 points per game this season, while both teams' quarterbacks are in need of a rebound game after similarly disappointing performances in which both threw for 198 yards. Nick Foles went 23 of 39 with an interception in the Bears' win over Carolina, while Jared Goff was 19 of 38 with a pick against the Niners.

Here are more things to watch in the Rams' third home game of the season:

Winning Ugly

The Bears are off to their best start since the 2012 team won seven of its first eight games on the way to a 10-6 record. They're 5-0 against the NFC, and they're also 3-0 on the road for the first time since the 2006 Super Bowl team.

They're just not making it easy on themselves, with five wins by a combined 20 points. They can thank their top 10 defense for carrying them to the top of the NFC. And they have to hope their struggling offense finds a higher gear.

The Bears haven't had much better luck moving the ball with Foles starting the past three games than they did with Mitchell Trubisky the first three. Foles has completed 62.5 percent of his passes for 878 yards with six touchdowns and four interceptions since he took over.

The Bears aren't getting much from their run game, either. Chicago has 126 yards rushing the past three games, compared to 414 the first three weeks, and the offensive line is down a starter with left guard James Daniels (pectoral) sidelined.

Staley's Reunion

Rams defensive coordinator Brandon Staley was the Bears' outside linebackers coach in 2017 and 2018 under Vic Fangio. The job was Staley's first in the NFL, but he has rocketed into a position of prominence in just three seasons. He credits his experience with the Bears for his rapid rise.

"I know it will be good to see a lot of those players that I was fortunate to coach, because the truth is they're one of the biggest reasons I'm in this role," Staley said. "Guys like Akeem Hicks, Kyle Fuller, Khalil Mack, Danny Trevathan, Roquan Smith, Eddie Jackson, all those guys are deeply responsible for me having this opportunity. I love those guys. I have the utmost respect for them, and it's going to be exciting to compete against them."

Catching Up

Chicago's Allen Robinson is looking forward to seeing three-time Pro Bowl cornerback Jalen Ramsey again.

Teammates in Jacksonville in 2016 and 2017, Ramsey was the winner in their lone meeting. The Rams beat the Bears 17-7 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum last November, and Robinson struggled to get open, catching just four passes for 15 yards. His only game with fewer receptions in 2019 was against Philadelphia, when he had one for 6 yards.

"He's a physical corner," Robinson said. "I think that everybody's looking forward to it. What he brings to the table is the physicality and things like that, but again, myself, I'm looking forward to it. Again, call me old-fashioned ... but Jalen is one of those competitors where he's gonna compete for all four quarters."

The Rams like to move Ramsey around, sometimes having him line up at right cornerback and in the slot.

On the Ground

The Rams' rushing game has been largely strong whenever coach Sean McVay has used it regularly. Darrell Henderson is averaging 4.8 yards per carry for Los Angeles, ranking him in the NFL's top 10 among running backs. Chicago's defense has better numbers against the pass than the run, but still has given up just one 100-yard game by a running back this season.

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Cassopolis's Ahsan Hart tries to tackle Berrien Springs' Marshall McFarland during the first half of Friday night's game.

SHAMROCKS

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Springs 10-yard line at the start of the second quarter, but ended with an interception by McFarland in the end zone on fourth-and-13.

"Our defense did a good job," Uzelac said. "They did a much better job reading keys and they did a good job adjusting to what they were doing."

The Shamrocks played their first two home games at neutral sites before moving into Sylvester Stadium, which includes a turf field, large bleachers and press box, and scoreboard with video display.

"The stadium's phenomenal," Uzelac said. "The locker rooms are phenomenal. All the facility here is great, the crowd's great, we've got a great community here. I'm really excited. The stadium is really special. There's some collegiate teams that would love to have locker rooms like we have."

BERRIEN SPRINGS 41, CASSOPOLIS 0

Cassopolis	0	0	0	0	— 0
B. Springs	14	15	6	6	— 41

First quarter
Marshall McFarland 18 run (kick failed), 7:40.
Jamal Hailey 27 run (Ben Eising run), 3:50.
Second quarter
Hailey 2 run (McFarland run), 7:12.
Aidan Rindfield 10 pass from McFarland (Josiah Pittman kick), 0:05.
Third quarter
Hailey 10 run (kick failed), 2:45
Fourth quarter
CJ Porter 10 run (kick blocked), 8:42.
Records – Berrien Springs 3-3, Cassopolis 2-4.

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BEES

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The pair of Bridgman scores to end the first half also effectively ended the running clock that would have been in play to start the third quarter (35-point rule), potentially earning the Bees some extra time to complete the comeback.

"Those two scores before half were a spark of hope for us I think," Locke said. "We knew those boys could play better than they were. We weren't playing very well to start. It's a really beautiful thing at halftime, all the guys with their coaches just talking through stuff with their kids. What a great staff we have here."

From there, the Bees stole the show in the second half.

Bridgman held Tri-Unity scoreless in the second, and Haskins continued to score in bunches for the Bees. The sophomore quarterback rushed for touchdowns of 1, 10 and 33-yards in half two. His 33-yarder tied the score at 47-47 with just 2:08 to play. He also tossed a score to Necas, a 17-yard screen pass late in the third.

Necas also returned a punt 48 yards with 6:38 in the third that made the score 47-28.

In overtime, Tri-unity was finally able to put up some points after Rillema scored on the very first play of the extra period with a 10-yard sprint up the middle.

Haskins and the Bees responded, however, by scoring on their own first overtime play. Haskins ran the ball outside and reached the end zone, opening the door for Tanner Peters to drill the game-winning PAT. The Bees had botched the snap on an earlier PAT attempt by Peters that could have given Bridgman a 48-47 lead with two minutes to play. They made sure not to miss it a second time.

"The run, it was supposed to be a flank to the right," Haskins said on his final touchdown run in overtime. "I saw the whole defense collapsed that way, so I just turned and went the opposite direction and just tried as hard as I could to get there, and I got there."

Haskins ended the night with 169 rush yards and five rushing touchdown on 26 carries. He was 6-of-9 for 107 yards and a TD through the air.

Necas struggled running the ball for the Bees, but played a huge role regardless. Along with his punt return and fumble recovery for touchdowns, he also recovered a Tri-unity fumble with 2:37 remaining that set up the Bees' game-tying score in regulation.

Overall, the Bees outgained Tri-unity in net offensive yards, 275-256.

Bridgman end the shortened, six-game regular season at 5-1.

BRIDGMAN 54, TRI-UNITY 53 (OT)

Brid	0	14	20	13	7	— 54
TU	26	21	0	0	6	— 53

First quarter
TU – Joshua Rillema 34 run (kick failed), 9:09.
TU – Braiden Luurtsema 3 run (run failed), 5:40.
TU – Rillema 15 run (Jaden Ophoff run), 3:09.
TU – Rillema 1 run (run failed), :23.
Second quarter
TU – Ophoff 17 run (Ophoff kick), 6:26.
TU – Rillema 27 run (run failed), 4:31.
TU – Ophoff 41 run (James Eerdmans from Ophoff), :52.
B – Reid Haskins 7 run (pass failed), :05.
B – Nate Necas 37 fumble return (Haskins run), :00.
Third quarter
B – Haskins 1 run (Necas from Haskins), 9:19.
B – Necas 48 punt return (run failed), 6:38.
B – Necas 17 pass from Haskins (run failed), 3:34.
Fourth quarter
B – Haskins 10 run (Tanner Peters kick), 5:09.
B – Haskins 33 run (kick failed), 2:08.
Overtime
TU – Rillema 10 run (run failed).
B – Haskins 10 run (Peters kick).
Records – Bridgman 5-1 Southwestern Michigan 8-man Football League, 5-1; Tri-Unity Christian 2-4, 2-4.

TIGERS

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came on a safety, following a lost fumble by Meeks on the Beavers' 1-yard line. A host of Tigers promptly tackled McCray in the end zone on the next play.

Benton Harbor then cut it to 14-8 on Meeks 31-yard toss to McKinney-McGee, before Harper Creek's McCray punched it in from 4-yards out, and ran in the 2-point conversion to make it 22-8 after three.

But the Tigers cut it to 22-14 on McKinney-McGee's 54-yard TD reception with 3:43 remaining, but never got the ball back as Harper Creek nearly ran the clock out before McCray plowed in from a yard out to end the scoring.

Meeks was responsible for most of the Tigers offense as he passed for 135 yards, and rushed for 95 yards.

"He (Meeks) kind of had happy feet at the beginning, but once he got his composure he settled down," added Jinks.

A standout on the Tigers defense was defensive back Sean Sargent who had some bone-jarring hits on both McCray and Wilson.

Coach Arnold said he thinks the Tigers first-round playoff opponent may be defending Division 5 state champion Lansing Catholic.

BC HARPER CREEK 29, BENTON HARBOR 14

Harper Creek	0	14	8	7	— 29
Benton Harbor	0	0	8	6	— 14

Second quarter
HC – Jalen McCray 16 run (Bryce Castleman kick)
HC – Merritt Wilson 5 run (Castleman kick)
Third quarter
BH – Safety
BH – Jacarius McKinney-McGee 31 pass from Tyler Meeks (pass failed)
HC – McCray 4 run (McCray run)
Fourth quarter
BH – McKinney-McGee pass from Meeks (pass failed)
HC – McCray 1 run (Castleman kick)
Records – Harper Creek 4-2, Benton Harbor 2-4

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Big Shinrock return boosts Bears

St. Joseph girls XC advance to regionals

By HP STAFF

Griffin Shinrock returned a kickoff a school-record 95 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to lift St. Joseph's football team to a 22-14 victory over Battle Creek Lakeview on Friday.

Shinrock also had a 32-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Troy Pratley in the third quarter for the Bears (4-1 SMAC, 5-1). Pratley rushed for a 1-yard TD to open the game's scoring.

Jaden Simonson had a pair of rushing touchdowns for Lakeview (4-2, 4-2), which led 7-6 at halftime.

Simonson's second TD tied the game at 14 in the fourth, just before Shinrock's game-winning return.

The game started two hours early as several Lakeview players were unavailable due to COVID-19 concerns.

Pratley was 10-of-17 passing for 155 yards, the one TD and a pair of interceptions.

Carter Vonk and Andrew Barlow each rushed for 61 yards to lead the Bears.

ST. JOSEPH 22, BC LAKEVIEW 14

St. Joseph	6	0	8	8	— 22
BC Lakeview	0	7	0	7	— 14

First quarter
SJ – Troy Pratley 1 run (pass failed)
Second quarter
L – Jaden Simonson 11 run (Matt Bacik kick)
Third quarter
SJ – Griffin Shinrock 32 pass from Pratley (Carter Vonk run)
Fourth quarter
SJ – Simonson 8 run (Bacik kick)
SJ – Shinrock 95 kickoff return (Vonk run)

DeWitt 43, Lakeshore 6

Lakeshore (4-2) couldn't keep pace with the top-ranked team in Division 3, falling behind 21-0 at halftime. DeWitt improves to 6-0.

Lakeshore will host a Division 3 playoff game next week.

Buchanan 20, Brandywine 6

Johnny Rager rushed for two scores and Keeghan Pelley a third as Buchanan defeated longtime rival Brandywine.

Both of Rager's runs were in the first quarter, boosting the undefeated Bucks (5-0 BCS, 6-0) to a 13-0 halftime lead.

Buchanan, ranked No. 6 in Division 6, outrushed the Bobcats (1-2, 3-3) 239-55.

Constantine 70, Coloma 32

Drew Goodline passed for 261 yards and two touchdowns for Coloma, but offense wasn't the problem for the Comets, who gave up 521 yards and trailed 36-12 at halftime of the Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division game.

James Mathis rushed for three touchdowns for Coloma (3-2, 4-2) and Cody Palgen had 121 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Constantine (5-0, 5-1) clinched the outright division title with the victory.

Cross country

DIV. 1 PRE-REGIONAL

at Gull Lake (Gilmore Car Museum)

Boys

Team scores – 1. Portage Central 53, 2. Portage Northern 76, 3. Kal. Central 86, 4. Mattawan 117, 5. St. Joseph 125, 6. Gull Lake 127, 7. Byron Center 131, 8. Kal. Loy Norrix 162.
Race winner – Koby Fraaza (GL) 15:54.5.
St. Joseph – 11. Andrew Moyer 17:28.1, 22. Will Fiesbeck 18:08.6, 25. Michael Melvoin 18:18.9, 32. Luke Kehner 18:37.8, 35. Niklaas Door 18:45.8.
Note – Andrew Moyer and Will Fiesbeck advance to the regional meet.

Girls

Team scores – 1. Portage Central 44, 2. St. Joseph 63, 3. Byron Center 80, 4. Mattawan 120, 5. Portage Northern 122, 6. Gull Lake 127, 7. Kal. Loy Norrix 195, 8. Kal. Central 208.
Race winner – Ellie Voetberg (PC) 19:09.4.
St. Joseph – 3. Cecilia Richti 20:11.8, 5. Grace Kelley 20:33.7, 6. Olivia Ippel 20:34.6, 16. Riley Mullen 21:25.1, 33. Lauren Koch 23:03.6.
Note – St. Joseph as a team advance to the regional meet.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday's results

WATERVLIET D. COLOMA
25-21, 25-11, 25-19

Watervliet — Grace Chisek 22 assist, 13 digs, 1 block, 2 aces; Samantha Dietz 17 kills, 14 digs, 6 aces, 1 block; Ellie Golden 9 digs; Alexis Hoadley 11 digs, 1 assist; Natalie Hart 2 kills, 1 assist, 3 digs, 1 block; Addison Riley 3 kills, 2 blocks; Myah Hobson 3 kills, 2 blocks; Jaylie Querfurth 3 aces, 7 digs; Abbigayle Roberts 2 kills, 2 aces, 3 digs; Yanna Winters 1 ace, 4 digs.
Coloma – Mia Cole 12 digs 2 kills; Brielle Hicks 6 assists; Maurissa LaGrow 3 digs; Olivia Palgen 1 dig; Chloe Mathis 5 digs; Madison McQuillan 1 dig 4 kills 8 assists; Gracie Whitaker 2 digs 5 kills; Addy Kimmerly 2 digs; Clara Kimmerly 1 Block; Adian Allmon 2 digs 2 kills; Taryn Blazier 6 Kills; Kiely Moore 1 kill; Maddie Hicks 2 kills.

CONSTANTINE D. DOWAGIAC
25-12, 25-21, 25-10

Dowagiac — Riley Stack 4 assists, 2 kills, 1 ace, 2 digs, 1 block; Alivia Murray 1 assist, 3 digs; Taylor Wimberly 1 kill, 1 dig; Megan Davis 2 kills, 8 digs, 1 block; Emma Allen 2 kills, 1 dig, 1 block; Allie Conner 4 kills, 10 digs; Anna Dobberstein 1 ill, 11 digs; Jessie Hullett 8 assists, 7 digs; Abbey Dobberstein 1 kill, 1 ace, 2 digs; Alanah Smith 1 kill, 2 digs, 2 blocks.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday's state scores

Addison 56, Grass Lake 22
Adrian Madison 48, Britton-Deerfield 6
Akron-Fairgrove 50, Caseville 6
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 30, St. Clair Shores South Lake 6
Auburn Hills Avondale 37, Bloomfield Hills 9
Bark River-Harris 28, L'Anse 0
Bath 48, Perry 19
Battle Creek Central def. Mattawan, forfeit
Battle Creek Harper Creek 29, Benton Harbor 14
Bay City Central 8, Bay City Western 7
Beaverton 48, Shepherd 6
Berrien Springs 41, Cassopolis 0
Birmingham Brother Rice 23, Detroit Country Day 13
Blanchard Montabella 14, Lakeview 6
Boyne City 48, Mancelona 6
Bridgman 54, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 53, OT
Brighton 27, Hartland 17
Bronson 52, Springport 6
Brown City 36, Vassar 14
Buchanan 20, Niles Brandywine 6
Camden-Frontier def. Tekonsha, forfeit
Canton 41, Plymouth 6
Caro 28, Burton Bendle 6
Carson City-Crystal 60, Fulton-Middleton 13
Central Lake def. Baldwin, forfeit
Centreville 42, Mount Morris 0
Chelsea 26, Monroe 17
Clare 26, Gaylord 20
Clarkston 47, Oak Park 0
Clawson 20, Garden City 12
Clinton 21, Hillsdale 14
Comstock 34, Decatur 20
Constantine 70, Coloma 32
Crystal Falls Forest Park def. Ontonagon, forfeit
Davison 37, Lapeer 6
DeWitt 43, Stevensville Lakeshore 6
Detroit U-D Jesuit 28, Warren Woods Tower 14
Detroit Western Intl 36, Detroit Ford 12
Dexter 49, Ann Arbor Pioneer 14
Dowagiac Union 20, Niles 0
East Grand Rapids 12, Byron Center 8
East Lansing 41, Okemos 0
Eau Claire def. St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic, forfeit
Edwardsburg 60, Paw Paw 6
Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Laker 44, Tawas 3
Fenton 33, Ortonville Brandon 21
Flint Beecher 28, Adrian 8
Flint Powers 48, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 13
Frankenmuth 42, Bridgeport 6
Frankfort 20, East Jordan 0
Freeland 35, Bay City John Glenn 14
Fremont def. Big Rapids, forfeit
Gaylord St. Mary 44, Hillman 20
Genesee 40, Merritt Academy 13
Grand Blanc 14, Saline 13
Grand Ledge 15, Holt 14
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 28, Grand Rapids South Christian 27
Grand Rapids Christian 22, Detroit Mumford 12
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 34, Lowell 14
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 42, Grand Rapids Northview 14
Grosse Ile 36, Clinton Township Clintondale 8
Hancock def. Houghton, forfeit
Hanover-Horton 51, Manchester 7
Haslett 14, Marshall 13
Hastings 37, Charlotte 18
Hemlock 50, Laingsburg 0
Hudson 21, Dundee 7
Hudsonville Unity Christian 42, Allendale 6
Ida 43, Brooklyn Columbia Central 6
Imlay City 28, Almont 14
Ithaca 55, Standish-Sterling 20
Jackson 63, Jackson Northwest 34
Jenison def. Hudsonville, forfeit
Kalamazoo United 63, Fennville 0
Kelloggsville def. Hopkins, forfeit
Kingsley 36, Benzie Central 20
L'Anse 2, Calumet 0
L'Anse Creuse 19, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North 7
Lake Linden-Hubbell 6, Munising 2
Lansing Catholic 28, Pewamo-Westphalia 13
Lenawee Christian 57, Gobles 6
Ludington 6, Lake City 0
Macomb Dakota 42, Traverse City Central 16
Manistique def. Iron Mountain, forfeit
Marcellus 20, Athens 12
Marquette 28, Calumet 6
Martin def. Bangor, forfeit
Mason 40, Williamston 10
Mason County Central 40, Hart 6
Mayville 48, Kinde-North Huron 28
McBain def. Manistee, forfeit
Menominee def. Kingsford, forfeit
Mesick 56, Bellaire 6
Michigan Center 40, Napoleon 7
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 17, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 8
Midland 32, Midland Dow 6
Milan 50, Tecumseh 27
Millington 30, Flint Hamady 11
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Muskegon 56, Grand Rapids Union 14
Muskegon Catholic Central 60, Holton 0
Muskegon Orchard View 26, Kent City 20
New Lothrop 62, Chesaning 7
Newberry 20, Engadine 6
North Branch 28, Armada 21
Norway def. Niagara, Wis., forfeit
Novi 46, Salem 0
Oscoda 24, Houghton Lake 6
Ovid-Elsie 47, Byron 14
Parchment 24, Watervliet 8
Pickford def. Brimley, forfeit
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep def. Marine City, forfeit
Portage Central 25, Richland Gull Lake 13
Portage Northern 37, Kalamazoo Central 6
Portland St. Patrick 52, Burr Oak 19
Potterville 22, Wyoming Lee 12
Reading def. Concord, forfeit
Riverview def. Redford Thurston, forfeit
Rochester 33, Berkley 7
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 40, Birmingham Groves 14
Rockford 28, Grandville 8
Roscommon 38, Lincoln-Alcona 12
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 47, St. Charles 27
Saginaw Swan Valley 27, Birch Run 6
Schoolcraft 33, Delton Kellogg 7
South Lyon 14, South Lyon East 7
Sparta 35, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 6
St. Johns 14, Alpena 6
St. Joseph 22, Battle Creek Lakeview 14
Stanton Central Montcalm 47, Newaygo 21
Stockbridge 61, Olivet 12
Sturgis def. Plainwell, forfeit
Taylor 10, Dearborn Edsel Ford 6
Three Rivers 27, Allegan 6
Traverse City West 27, Petoskey 21
Ubly 34, Bad Axe 0
Unionville-Sebewaing 36, Harbor Beach 0
Utica Eisenhower 24, Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 0
Walled Lake Western 37, Walled Lake Central 10
Waterford Kettering 34, Waterford Mott 26
Wyandotte Roosevelt 30, Gibraltar Carlson 29, OT
Wyoming 34, Holland 26
Ypsilanti Lincoln 39, Ann Arbor Skyline 7
Zeeland East 58, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule
Thursday, Oct. 22
App.St. 45, Arkansas St. 17
Friday, Oct. 23
Jacksonville St. (2-1) at FIU (0-2)
Tulsa (1-1) at South Florida (1-4)
La.-Lafayette (3-1) at UAB (4-1)
Illinois at Wisconsin
SE Missouri at S. Illinois, ppd.
Saturday, Oct. 24
Mercer (0-1) at Army (5-1), Noon
NC State (4-1) at North Carolina (3-1), Noon
Georgia Southern (3-1) at Coastal Carolina (4-0), Noon
Syracuse (1-4) at Clemson (5-0), Noon
Auburn (2-2) at Mississippi (1-3), Noon
Temple (1-1) at Memphis (2-1), Noon
Florida St. (2-3) at Louisville (1-4), Noon
UTEP (3-2) at Charlotte (1-2), Noon
Rutgers at Michigan St., Noon
Kansas (0-4) at Kansas St. (3-1), Noon
Nebraska at Ohio St., Noon
Oklahoma (2-2) at TCU (1-2), Noon
Southern Miss. (1-3) at Liberty (5-0), 1 p.m.
Abilene Christian (0-2) vs. SF Austin (2-3) at Arlington, 1:30 p.m.
Tulane (2-3) at UCF (2-2), 2 p.m.
FAU (1-0) at Marshall (4-0), 2:30 p.m.
Cent. Ark. (3-3) at E. Kentucky (1-4), 3 p.m.
VT (3-1) at Wake Forest (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Alabama (4-0) at Tennessee (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Houston (1-1) at Navy (3-2), 3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame (4-0) at Pitt. (3-3), 3:30 p.m.
Iowa at Purdue, 3:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
ISU (3-1) at Oklahoma St. (3-0), 3:30 p.m.
Baylor (1-1) at Texas (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee (1-5) at Rice, 3:30 p.m.
Georgia St. (1-2) at Troy (3-1), 4 p.m.
Chattanooga at W. Kentucky (1-4), 4 p.m.
Kentucky (2-2) at Missouri (1-2), 4 p.m.
Ga. Tech (2-3) at Boston College (3-2), 4 p.m.
WV (3-1) at Texas Tech (1-3), 5:30 p.m.
La.-Monroe (0-5) at S. Alabama (2-2), 7 p.m.
South Carolina (2-2) at LSU (1-2), 7 p.m.
Wyoming at Nevada, 7 p.m.
Utah St. at Boise St., 7 p.m.
Hawaii at Fresno St., 7:30 p.m.
Maryland at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Michigan at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Virginia (1-3) at Miami (4-1), 8 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (3-2) at UTSA (3-3), 8 p.m.
Cincinnati (3-0) at SMU (5-0), 9 p.m.
Texas State (1-5) at BYU (5-0), 10:15 p.m.
Air Force (1-0) at San Jose St., 10:30 p.m.
UNLV at San Diego St., 10:30 p.m.
Postponements & Cancellations
Missouri (1-2) at Florida (2-1), ppd.
Georgia (3-1) at Kentucky (2-2), ppd.
New Mexico at Colorado St., canc.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109	110
N.Y. Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	122	174

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148	130

Thursday's Game
Philadelphia 22, N.Y. Giants 21
Sunday, Oct. 25
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota
Monday, Oct. 26
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

MLB

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
at Arlington, Texas (All Games on Fox)
Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Tampa Bay 1
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Tampa Bay 3
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Tampa Bay 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 4
Friday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Tampa Bay 2
Saturday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:08 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:09 p.m.

Being Black lowers the value of my home: The legacy of redlining

Let me tell you about where I live.

On my early-morning walks with my Yorkie mix Simba, we often encounter small families of deer, which see so many human walkers and runners in my neighborhood that they glance up but don't dash away. If I'm not in a rush, I'll stop to watch geese swim in the two ponds we pass.

Michelle Singletary

My two-story, two-car-garage Colonial home, tucked into a cul-de-sac, sits on close to an acre of land and backs onto a wooded area. My deck wraps around the back of the house with a screened-in gazebo. There's an unspoken rivalry between the neighbors over who can keep their grass so plush and green it looks like carpet. At night, the sound of the frogs and owls can lull you to sleep.

My "hood" is idyllic, except for one thing.

The value of my home in Prince George's County, Maryland, would be significantly higher if my husband and I weren't Black – and if all our neighbors weren't Black.

Pick up and move our Black neighborhood of doctors, teachers, police officers, and small-business owners just 20 miles west to a White subdivision with a similar economic makeup, and our homes would easily be worth 40 percent more. This is true for other Black communities around the country, where homes can be undervalued by as much as 65 percent.

This is the legacy of systemic racism that our government created and, in many ways, still isn't doing enough to eradicate.

The key to the net worth of most Americans isn't a stock portfolio, but the equity accumulated in their homes. It's this equity that has created generational wealth for many White Americans. This wealth can fund college educations or finance small businesses. But homeownership, which is so central to the American Dream, has been and far too often remains an unequal and financially frustrating experience for Black families.

The 2019 Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances shows that 45 percent of Black families own their homes, with a median home value of $150,000. That compares to a 73.7 percent homeownership rate for White families, with a median home value of $230,000.

Those gaps – homeownership compounded by home value – are a major reason the typical White family has almost eight times the wealth of a typical Black family. And these gaps are directly linked to "redlining," which has robbed Black families of generational wealth.

Federal housing policies starting in the 1930s resulted in a practice of color-coding maps to designate certain neighborhoods as best or worst for mortgage lending. Borrowers buying in White communities – colored green for being safest for lending – could get loans backed by the federal government. Black neighborhoods – colored red – were deemed too risky for mortgage lending. Without the federal guarantee, banks wouldn't lend to Blacks. Blacks were often forced to purchase homes under predatory contracts that were so financially onerous many ended up being evicted.

In my own journey to understanding the disparity in homeownership rates and home values, I read "Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America," by Richard Rothstein, a distinguished fellow of the Economic Policy Institute. Rothstein traces the roots of real estate discrimination, arguing that for too long we've shifted the blame to Blacks rather than own up to the federal government's significant part in creating a "caste system" that has denied families of color the opportunity to build wealth. Government policy specifically told developers of suburban

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neighborhoods they could not sell homes to Blacks.

"The maps had a huge impact and put the federal government on record as judging that African Americans, simply because of their race, were poor risks," Rothstein wrote.

Although the government built public housing complexes to accommodate the need for more affordable housing, it deliberately segregated these communities. And its urban development plans for Blacks lacked the same amenities, funding for schools, or access to jobs and other services as public housing built for Whites.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), created in 1934, instituted a policy of not guaranteeing mortgages for Blacks, no matter how creditworthy they were. And after World War II, the Department of Veterans Affairs denied Black veterans the lower-cost government-guaranteed mortgages that White veterans used to help build wealth for their descendants. Although the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 helped increase total Black homeownership, which peaked in 2000 at 47.3 percent of Black Americans, it hasn't made things equal, because too much racism is baked into the disparity in housing.

I've been a homeowner pretty much all my adult life. I rented for just one year after graduating from college because my grandmother wouldn't leave me alone until I became a homeowner. I've bought and sold two homes. My husband and I built the home we now occupy with our three children. It infuriates me that homes in nearby White neighborhoods have steadily increased in value – even accounting for the period when property values dropped during the Great Recession.

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"Politicians and advocates have long touted homeownership as the best way to build wealth, saying that over the long term, home values go in only one direction: up," wrote Tim Henderson in a 2018 report for Stateline, an initiative of The Pew Charitable Trusts. "But since the dawn of the 21st century, that promise has been an empty one for many African Americans."

The Stateline analysis of federal data found that in nearly 20 percent of the Zip codes where most homeowners are Black, home values had decreased since 2000, compared with only 2 percent in neighborhoods where Blacks were the minority.

There's a significant difference in home values even when a neighborhood consists of affluent Black homeowners. Just look at Olympia Fields, a wealthy Chicago suburb, the Stateline report says. "Once a majority-White community and now one of the wealthiest and best-educated majority-Black municipalities in the country, [it] has about the same home prices as it did in 1990."

Between 1996 and 2018, the median home value in neighborhoods previously labeled as "best" for mortgage lending rose 230.8 percent to $640,238, according to a report by the home-sale marketing company Zillow. The median value in the areas redlined as "hazardous" based on race climbed just 203.1 percent to $276,199.

"It's a striking example of how discrimination – financial and racial – codified nearly a century ago continues to affect homeowners and whole communities," a Zillow economist wrote.

It's this stark difference in home appreciation that keeps many Whites from buying homes in predominantly Black communities – unless a neighborhood becomes too trendy to ignore. When this happens, home prices soar and become out of reach for many Blacks, who are still dealing with employment discrimination.

Blacks even face higher tax assessments than White homeowners. Black and Hispanic residents have a 10 percent to 13 percent higher tax burden for the same bundle of public services as White residents, according to a working paper by economists Troup Howard of the University of Utah and Carlos Avenancio-León of Indiana University.

You keep asking me, "What's your solution?"

The move forward has to begin with you acknowledging that redlining still exists. Stop minimizing the damage that has been done by discriminatory housing policies. Maybe then we can agree on remedies – such as funding more first-time homebuyer programs, which is what I used to purchase my first home.

My husband and I have plans of downsizing one day, and we hope we'll be able to help our children become homeowners, perhaps giving them enough money that they won't even need a mortgage. This is what I dream about on my long walks with Simba.

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Ask the Fool

Great Expectations

Q Can you explain why shares of Tesla sank 21% on Sept. 8? I read that it was because the company wasn't added to the S&P 500 index, but it's not like anything really happened to the business. *— G.B., Shaker Heights, Ohio*

A You're right — whether the company is or isn't an S&P 500 index component doesn't change its business or its prospects. When a company gets added to the index, though, the many index funds that track that index will need to grab shares of the company — and some investors might be buying shares ahead of the add, expecting that index-fund buying to propel the shares up some more. The expectation of inclusion had been baked into Tesla's shares. When that didn't happen, many shares were sold, sending the price down.

Over the long run, a stock's price tends to move along with its changing intrinsic value, but over the short term, it's often subject to the impulses of investors. As Warren Buffett has noted, "In the short run, the market is a voting machine, but in the long run it is a weighing machine."

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Q What are the prevailing capital gains tax rates? *— F.W., Portland, Oregon*

A It depends on how much you earn. Long-term gains, from assets held for more than a year, are taxed at 15% for many people. Those with lower earnings pay 0%, though, and those with higher incomes pay 20%. Short-term gains (from assets held for a year or less) are taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Note that if you have capital losses, you can use them to offset your gains and reduce your tax bill.

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The ABCs of Probate

It's impossible to avoid death, but we may avoid complex probate issues by having a valid, properly executed will. Here's a closer look at probate, the legal process of settling and transferring the estate of someone who has died.

During the probate process, the deceased person's will, if there is one, is validated, and one or more executors (personal representatives) are appointed to oversee the process and settle the estate. All assets are identified and any debts owed are paid, when possible. Any taxes owed are paid, too. What's left is then distributed according to directions in the will. If there's no valid will, assets will be distributed to the next of kin according to state guidelines.

If this all sounds complicated and seems like a lot of work — yes, it sometimes is. It can be lengthy and costly, too. But in many cases, the probate process is quick and inexpensive. Much depends on which state or states are involved and how valuable the estate is. In planning for your own heirs, you may be able to keep costs down by holding some assets in a revocable living trust, but that's not always necessary.

Note that not every asset has to go through probate: Life insurance proceeds typically don't, and assets in retirement plans generally go directly to named beneficiaries. Jointly owned real estate and financial accounts often pass directly to a surviving spouse.

There's much more to the probate process than this, of course, and you'd do well to learn more about it and about estate planning in general — perhaps via "J.K. Lasser's New Rules for Estate, Retirement, and Tax Planning" by Stewart H. Welch III and J. Winston Busby (Wiley, $25), or "Get Your Ducks in a Row: The Baby Boomers Guide to Estate Planning" by Harry S. Margolis (Ducks in a Row Publishing, $19).

It's a good idea to consult a financial adviser to help you plan for retirement and beyond; you can find a fee-only one near you via **NAPFA.org**. Estate-planning attorneys can also help.

My Smartest Investment

One-Bagger, Two-Bagger ...

My smartest investment was buying shares of Netflix when they fell from something like $250 to $50 per share — and hanging onto almost all of the shares for a 35-bagger. I ended up with an investment worth 35 times what I paid for it! *— D.D., online*

The Fool Responds: Netflix has been a terrific investment for many investors, but to end up with a 35-bagger, they would have had to hang on through a lot of sharp drops — which you did. It can be hard to do that over many years, especially when a company makes a move that causes you to question its future potential.

Netflix stock took a big hit, for example, when it announced it was raising prices, splitting its DVD and streaming businesses and dubbing the DVD business "Qwikster." That plan was scuttled relatively qwikly, but not before Netflix revealed that it had lost more than 800,000 subscribers, sending shares tumbling by a whopping 35%. You were smart to invest in the company when shares had dropped significantly.

Not every fallen stock will recover, but many do. When you find one and your research suggests that negative sentiments are overblown, it can be good to buy shares and then hang on, keeping a close eye on the company's developments. As Warren Buffett has noted, it's good to be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful.

The Motley Fool Take

Dividends and Growth

Bristol Myers Squibb (NYSE: BMY) is a big drugmaker recently trading at a bargain price — with a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the single digits. A key reason for this low valuation is that the company faces the prospect of sales declines beginning in 2022, when generic versions of its blockbuster drug Revlimid start being available.

BMS deserves investors' attention, though: Its current lineup includes multiple blockbuster stars, including the blood thinner Eliquis, cancer immunotherapy Opdivo, and multiple myeloma drug Pomalyst. Its newer drugs should soon begin to kick in significant sales, especially multiple sclerosis therapy Zeposia and anemia drug Reblozyl.

The pipeline is also loaded with potential winners. The company hopes to significantly expand the number of Opdivo's approved indications. It's evaluating Zeposia in late-stage studies targeting Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. The company also has promising cancer cell therapies in ide-cel and liso-cel, plus other solid candidates.

Wall Street analysts think Bristol Myers Squibb will deliver average annual earnings growth of more than 20% over the next five years. Add to that growth the drugmaker's dividend (recently yielding nearly 3%), and you've got a stock likely to be a big winner for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Bristol Myers Squibb.)

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a home built in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1978. Today, with a market value recently over $28 billion, I'm the nation's largest homebuilder by volume – and have been since 2002. I operate across 29 states, recently employed almost 9,000 people, and rake in close to $19 billion annually. I close on more than 60,000 homes per year, and have built more than 770,000 homes. My homes are sold under my own name, as well as Emerald Homes, Express Homes and Freedom Homes, with prices ranging from $100,000 to more than $1 million. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco, where four guys began developing cloud-based customer-relationship management software in 1999. By 2001, I had more than 3,000 customers. For fiscal 2002, I had $22.4 million in revenue; by fiscal 2020, that topped $17 billion. I've been named one of the most admired companies and one of the best companies to work for. I've given more than $300 million in charitable grants, too. I employ more than 49,000 people, and 90% of Fortune 500 companies are my customers. My market value recently topped $242 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Salesforce)

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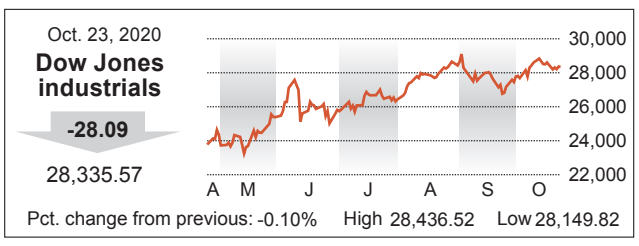

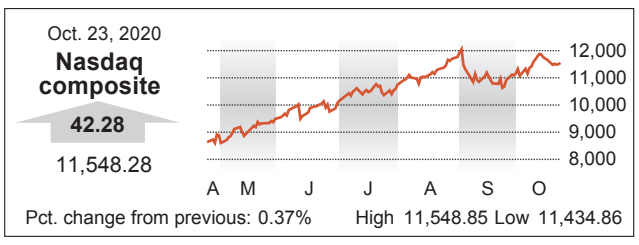

Amer Elec Power AEP
$91.88 **-.32 -.3%**
▲ **4-wk.** +13.9% ▼ **YTD** -2.8%

Whirlpool WHR
$198.11 **+4.31 +2.2%**
▲ **4-wk.** +11.2% ▲ **YTD** +34.3%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	27.82	-.46	-1.6	▲	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	91.88	-.32	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	115.04	-.71	-0.6	▼	▲	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1183.16	+7.61	+0.6	▼	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	16.05	-.05	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	65.85	+.10	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	50.52	-.16	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	45.06	-.05	-0.1	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	243.40	239.53	+2.65	+1.1	▼	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	128.35	+.79	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	95.47	+1.63	+1.7	▼	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	73.12	34.16	-.70	-2.0	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	24.42	+.46	+1.9	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	35.32	+.56	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	8.16	-.05	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.63	-.09	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	283.00	+1.84	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	12.66	+.19	+1.5	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	10.47	+.09	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	194.30	191.63	+2.56	+1.4	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	116.00	+.24	+0.2	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	103.81	+.93	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	145.24	+.16	+0.1	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	172.14	+.89	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	228.71	-.44	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	216.23	+1.34	+0.6	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	34.81	+1.19	+3.5	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	45.62	+.14	+0.3	▼	▲	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	38.18	+.75	+2.0	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	145.87	142.38	+.93	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	92.87	+1.10	+1.2	▼	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.06	+.26	+2.2	▼	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	227.39	221.90	-2.74	-1.2	▼	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	29.62	+.69	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	167.42	160.23	+.63	+0.4	▼	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	139.82	+2.80	+2.0	▼	▲	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	171.90	-1.09	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	57.96	+.63	+1.1	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	102.16	+.36	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	143.85	+.30	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	38.04	+.53	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	23.68	-.46	-1.9	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	198.11	+4.31	+2.2	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	51.18	50.78	-.02	...	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	101.85	95.35	-.59	-0.6	▼	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $26.50-28, Golden Delicious sold from $26-28, Fuji brought $32-34, Pink Lady sold for $35, Gala sold for $34 while fine appearance offerings sold for $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $58. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, and Gala brought $25-26, while bushel cartons of 3 inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold for mostly $36-37, while white large offerings sold from mostly $23-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Wisconsin sold from $36-38.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Peru sold lower from mostly $36.50-38 with fine appearance offerings $42. Organic offerings of fine appearance from California sold steady for $38.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers small-medium size from California sold much lower for mostly $13-14, with fine appearance offerings $23-24, while organic offerings brought $28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher for $22, with organic offerings sold lower for $36.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold lower for $18-20, with red type $18-20.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold steady from mostly $25-27, with organic offerings mostly $37-38.

CORN: Wirebound crates of 4 dozen Wisconsin bi-color sold steady for mostly $33-35 while Georgia offerings brought $29.50.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold for $26-28, while select offerings brought $24, and ordinary condition sold for $16 and carton 24s brought mostly $12-13. Pickles of 200-300 size from Florida sold for $35.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Michigan sold from $28.50-30, with Florida offerings $32.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher for $38-40, with organic offerings $40.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold lower for $38.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo sold steady from mostly $27-28, and choppers sold from $17-18. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for mostly $21-23, while offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Illinois sold lower for $16, medium size poblanos from Mexico sold for mostly $17-19, and medium-large cubanelles from Michigan sold steady for $42.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington sold steady for $25.

PUMPKINS: 1/2-bushel cartons of miniature orange from Michigan sold for $16, while 36-inch bins of howden type large sold for $135 with small and medium size from $130-135.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small yellow straightneck from Michigan sold for $26. 4/7-bushel cartons of small zucchini from Mexico sold lower from mostly $14-15 with medium $12-13, while yellow straightneck small sold higher for $18, with medium $13-14. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold for $16-18 and large size butternut sold higher for $23, and small spaghetti brought mostly $17-19.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from California of 4x5 and 5x5 size sold for $35, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower for $32. Flats 12 10.5-ounce containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Mexico sold from $16-18. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Michigan sold steady for $14-16. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Michigan sold from $18-20, with offerings from Mexico higher for $26.

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Playing the market is a bad idea, especially now

Liz Weston

The current day trading boom will end as these frenzies always do – in tears.

While we wait for the inevitable crash, let's review not only why day traders are doomed but also why most people shouldn't trade, or even invest in, individual stocks.

Day trading basically means rapidly buying and selling investments, hoping to profit from small price fluctuations. Brokerages have reported a surge in trading and new accounts this year, starting with March's stock market crash when investors rushed in looking for bargains. As pandemic lockdowns kept people from their jobs and classrooms, trading continued to soar, especially among young adults.

The poster child for this gold rush is Robinhood, a commission-free investing app that uses behavioral nudges to encourage people to trade. Robinhood added over 3 million accounts this year and in June logged more trades than any of the established, publicly traded brokerages. More than half of its customers are opening their first investment account, the company says.

People can start trading with small amounts of money because Robinhood offers fractional shares. In addition to stocks and mutual funds, the app allows trading in options, cryptocurrencies and gold. Customers start out with a margin account, which allows them to borrow money to trade and amplify both their gains and their losses.

Alexander Kearns, 20, is one example of what can go wrong. The University of Nebraska student killed himself after seeing a $730,165 negative balance in his Robinhood account. The novice trader may have misunderstood a potential loss on part of an options trade that he made using borrowed money as a loss on the whole transaction. In reality, he had $16,000 cash in his account when he died.

Research has shown that the vast majority of day traders lose money, and only about 1 percent consistently get better returns than a low-cost index fund. A rising stock market, and a flood of inexperienced and excitable investors willing to bid up stock prices, has convinced more than a few day traders that they're part of that 1 percent. They're being egged on by the few people who actually will make money: the hucksters selling seminars, e-books and strategies that purport to teach you how to successfully trade.

Stocks don't always go up

Stocks overall are an excellent way to gain wealth over the long term. If you can weather the downturns, stocks historically have offered good returns.

Those downturns can be doozies, however. Stocks lost half their value during the Great Recession that started December 2007. The market lost nearly 90 percent of its value in the early years of the Great Depression.

Extended downturns have popped previous day trading bubbles, including the one that formed during the dot-com boom. The Nasdaq composite stock index rose 400 percent in five years, only to lose all of those gains from March 2000 to October 2002.

Markets that go down eventually come back up. That's not true of individual stocks. Any single stock can lose value, sometimes all the way to zero, and never recover.

The sensible way to hedge that risk is diversification. That means buying stocks in many, many companies, including companies of different sizes, in different industries and in different countries. That's prohibitively expensive for most individual investors, which is why mutual funds and exchange-traded funds are a better bet.

No such thing as free trade

Another way to grow wealth is to minimize investing costs. That means trading less, not more, because trading incurs costs even when there are no commissions involved.

Investments held more than a year benefit from favorable capital gains tax rates, for example. Those held less than a year are taxed as income if the trade wasn't made in a tax-deferred account such as an IRA.

Another way cost is incurred is in what's known as the bid/ask spread. The banks and financial institutions that facilitate trading in various stocks are called market makers. They offer to sell stocks at a certain price (the ask price) and will purchase at a slightly lower price (the bid price). People who trade stocks instantly lose a little money on each transaction because of this difference. That's not a big deal for infrequent traders, but the costs add up if you churn stocks in and out of your portfolio.

The biggest potential cost, though, is that every trade exposes your portfolio to the many ways we humans have of screwing up our money. We're loss-averse and we want to avoid regret, so we hang on to losing stocks. We think that we can predict the future or that it will reflect the recent past, when this year should have taught us that we can't and it won't.

We also think we know more than we do, a cognitive bias known as overconfidence. If you're determined to trade, or day trade, don't gamble more than you can afford to lose, because you almost certainly will.

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NEW IN BUSINESS

Michigan Works taking grant applications

BENTON HARBOR — Michigan Works announced its Going Pro Season in Southwest Michigan has begun, which allows employers to apply for a grant to pay for training, developing and retaining workers.

Going Pro allows employers to apply for funds to train new and existing employees. The types of training programs eligible for funding include classroom training. Employers can get onsite job training reimbursement for wages paid while training a new or existing employee on a new process. Apprenticeships are also supported through Going Pro funds.

The application period runs from Nov. 2-30.

In 2019, 45 companies in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties were awarded funds to hire and train 1,907 employees. There were 90 different training providers conducting 392 trainings with this funding. Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, Van Buren was the third highest awarded region in the state, with $2.1 million funds. The average amount of money awarded to regional employers was $46,800.

To submit an application for Going Pro funds, contact Paul Brohman at 269-281-1823 or email BrohmanP@miworks.org.

Silver Harbor Brewing wins at beer festival

ST. JOSEPH — Silver Harbor Brewing Co. received a silver medal at the 2020 Great American Beer Festival in the Fruit Wheat Beer category with its "Grandma's Favorite Recipe."

Judges for the 34th edition of the competition evaluated 8,806 entries from 1,720 breweries in all 50 states. The judging took place in 35 sessions over 18 days with strict safety measures in place. The awards ceremony was held virtually last week, kicking off the two-day event.

Stocks shake off wobbly start, end mostly higher

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stock indexes closed mostly higher Friday, though the S&P 500 posted its first weekly loss in four weeks.

The benchmark index eked out a 0.3 percent gain after another day of wobbly trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished with a small loss. Gains in communication services, health care and other sectors outweighed a decline in technology and energy companies. Treasury yields remained near their highest levels since June.

The indexes bounced between small gains and losses after a sluggish start as investors weighed another batch of corporate results from the summer earnings period. The up-and-down moves have been a familiar pattern recently as traders keep an eye on the ongoing negotiations between Republican and Democractic leaders in Washington over more economic aid for the pandemic-stricken economy.

"It's generally been a little more of a selling market, and a lot of that has to do with waiting to see whether or not we get a fiscal stimulus package before the election," said Sal Bruno, chief investment officer at IndexIQ. "The odds of that are getting lower and lower the closer we get to the election."

The S&P 500 rose 11.90 points to 3,465.39, it's second straight gain. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 28.09 points, or 0.1 percent, to 28,335.57. The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, gained 42.28 points, or 0.4 percent, to 11,548.28. The index had been down 0.6 percent.

Tips for hiring the right talent

At some point along the way, small business owners realize that they can't do it all themselves and still do it all well.

Running a company is a huge undertaking and the larger and faster your company grows, the more you're going to need to rely on a trusted set of employees to continue to produce a quality product or service.

Hiring, however, introduces an entirely new variable to running a business and is a big change when you're used to running a company of one. Hiring the right talent comes down to honestly assessing the skills and talents your business needs most, being diligent and having patience in your search.

Hiring the right person is a challenge for everyone. There's a lot at stake.

In its latest estimate, the U.S. Department of Labor is cited as reporting the estimated cost of a bad hire is about 30 percent of an employee's annual compensation.

Needless to say, most small businesses can't afford to make the wrong hiring decision.

Making smart hiring decisions is less of a science than an art.

Bridget Weston, SCORE CEO and former vice president of marketing and communications, recommends small business owners focus on refining the three primary areas of their hiring process to find the best candidates.

She offers her advice on how to clarify the role, find qualified applicants and choose the best employee:

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Clarify the role

Make the position you're hiring crystal clear to potential applicants so you can attract qualified candidates and avoid having to weed through irrelevant resumes. Write a detailed job description that identifies responsibilities and required skills and expertise. The more accurate your description, the more effective you'll be at attracting the right talent right off the bat.

Find qualified applicants

Half of the battle of hiring the best talent is finding the best talent. Posting a job description to a job board is a good start, but to find great talent, do some work to put the opportunity into the right hands.

Leverage your network of professionals and ask who they may know who could be a good fit. Use social media platforms, particularly LinkedIn, and do some homework to uncover other potential candidates. More and more people are finding jobs via social media and it's now a hiring pool that employers can't ignore.

Choose the best employee

The key here is to take your time. Choosing the best employee is a process and requires that you do your due diligence. Review resumes and speak to top candidates. It may take two or three rounds of interviews to get a solid understanding of which candidates are best for the job.

When you're interviewing, don't undervalue the softer attributes that aren't as easy to identify on a resume, like cultural fit and the candidate's ability to communicate clearly with clients or customers. Finally, check references. References can help you learn more about how the candidate performed in past roles and whether they'd make a good fit within your organization.

Rely on insight from trusted mentors and colleagues before you make a hiring decision.

Even if you're a sole proprietor, don't make hiring decisions in a vacuum. Consult trusted industry partners or mentors as you go through the hiring process and get additional insight to round out your thinking.

One of the best resources to help you hire the right talent is with the guidance of a SCORE mentor.

Your SCORE mentor will become familiar with your business and help you through your hiring from start to finish so you hire the best talent for your business.

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Bald eagles fond of Hickory Creek

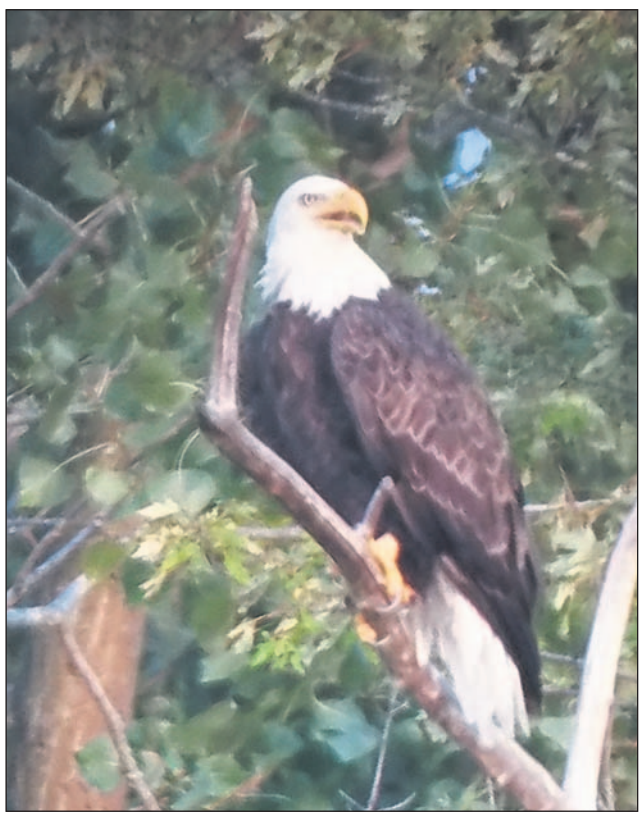

Photo provided / Shaunasee Kocen

A bald eagle along Hickory Creek on Sept. 22, across from Eagle Pointe Marina in St. Joseph Township.

Photo provided / Art Herman

A red-shouldered hawk earlier this month in the woods owned by Art and Kris Herman of Hagar Township.

Shaunasee Kocen of St. Joseph photographed an adult bald eagle on Sept. 22, as it perched in a tree along Hickory Creek across Niles Road from Eagle Pointe Marina in St. Joseph Township.

Bald eagles patrol the St. Joseph River and Hickory Creek for food, as fish are a large part of their diet. The area of Hickory Creek around Eagle Pointe is especially attractive to eagles during winter, as many residents who live on the water have dock bubblers, which prevent the water from freezing and allow fish to be caught.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The tree on which the eagle perched grows on 31 acres of the Hickory Creek Preserve, owned by the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, and is adjacent to Knauf Park, owned by St. Joseph Township.

Three sandhill cranes were photographed by Barry Young of Baroda Township on Sept. 17 as the nearly 5-foot tall birds foraged through his yard. The bird on the far left in the photo hatched this past nesting season, as it appears to be acquiring its red crown, which comes in before or during its first winter.

Thousands of sandhill cranes gather in pre-staging areas such as Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area in northern Indiana. Numbers generally peak in early to mid-November before the final leg of their southern migration takes place in late November into early December.

Within the last 20 years, many sandhill cranes have been wintering far north of their traditional range. It is not uncommon to see large flocks of sandhill cranes during December and January over much of the southern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Lake LaGrange, south of Dowagiac, is one reliable location to find the species in winter.

Photo provided / Barry Young

Three sandhill cranes on Sept. 17 in Baroda Township. The crane on the far left hatched in 2020, as told by the faint colored feather markings.

Art and Kris Herman of Hagar Township hosted a red-shouldered hawk in their woods recently, and sent in a nice photo in which you can see its distinctive orange chest.

Red-shouldered hawks are related to red-tailed hawks, both in the genus buteo. The red-shouldered hawk is found in wooded habitats, while the red-tailed hawk is found in open or semi-open country.

The red-shouldered hawk spends the nesting season throughout the U.S. east of the Mississippi, and southern Canada. During the fall, the species departs Canada and northern Michigan for points south.

The southern part of the Lower Peninsula may host red-shouldered hawks from December through March. Near my home in Royalton Township, I see a pair of this species all year long.

I would like to call upon anyone who may still have any hummingbirds present at yard feeders. From late October onward, the chances are good that if you still have a hummingbird present at your feeder, it is a species other than the ruby-throated hummingbird.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Sarett Nature Center

Sarett's Spooky Halloween: 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 30-31. Take a stroll through the trails and visit spooky stations. Activity bags will be handed out to take home to enjoy. Tickets cost $5 and should be purchased in advance. Call 927-4832 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Dog Days of Summer: 8-10 a.m. Saturdays through the end of October. Fernwood members – bring your canine for a walk. No registration required.

Pumpkin House: Open through Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Mondays and Thanksgiving Day. Free with Fernwood admission.

Fall Foliage Nature Walk & Craft: Follow a special route highlighting fall foliage and collect materials to make a nature eye mask. Packs available for $5 at the Visitor Center check-in window. They include a route map indicating material gathering stations, eye mask template and string, and eye mask creation instructions. Available through October.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Has had no activity from boat anglers due to the weather. When they could get out, a couple pier anglers had been trying for whitefish but had no luck.

St. Joseph River: Had a few anglers targeting walleye in the lower river.

South Haven: Wind, rain and wave action has kept anglers at bay.

Kalamazoo River: Salmon were caught on fresh spawn bags and yarn.

Holland: The waves have prevented most anglers from getting out on the piers. When they could, some were jigging for walleye, but catch rates were slow.

Port Sheldon: Boats had a difficult time getting out due to the wind.

Barry County: Good bluegill action was reported on Jordan Lake when drifting in 15 to 30 feet. A good number of fish were taken on a black spider with rubber legs.

Grand River near Lansing: Anglers were getting a few Chinook and coho at the Webber and Portland Dams.

Muskegon: Pier anglers casting spoons for steelhead did not have much luck.

Muskegon River: Salmon are being caught. Steelhead are also moving into the system and were caught on the gravel when using spawn. A few perch were caught.

White River: Had a good number of Chinook salmon from the Y-Hole to the Hesperia Dam in Oceana County. The river is seeing a good run this year.

— Michigan DNR

Lake Superior caribou may be gone from mainland

By JOHN MYERS
Duluth News Tribune (TNS)

The good news is that Lake Superior's last surviving wild caribou appear to be thriving on their new island homes, free from the constant menace of wolves, for now, and with plenty to eat.

But hope is dwindling that any caribou remain on the Ontario mainland of Lake Superior's North Shore, with an aerial survey last winter finding no caribou, not even any tracks.

That's pushed caribou supporters to ask Ontario natural resource authorities to conduct a more thorough search early this winter and – if any caribou are found – trap and transplant any remaining animals to the Slate Islands on Lake Superior.

Gordon Eason, a retired Ministry of Natural Resources biologist who has helped lead the caribou protection effort in recent years, said it's important for the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks to act quickly. The caribou supporters include a handful of biologists and researchers, local residents and members of the Michipicoten First Nations band of Ojibwe who are asking the public to write Ontario officials to urge action.

Eason said there could still be 10 or so caribou left on the mainland that managed to avoid detection last winter. Caribou supporters want the public's help to convince provincial authorities to act.

"These last Lake Superior mainland caribou are now at the point where they need urgent help," Eason said. "Otherwise they will be eliminated from this area which has been their home since the glaciers left."

For their part, ministry officials responded that they are still deciding what to do, if anything, about the plight of caribou along Lake Superior's shore.

"The ministry is aware that this issue is of great interest and importance to municipalities, Indigenous communities and industries in the area of the northern coast of Lake Superior. That is why a broader discussion regarding management of this range has been initiated," Ontario natural resources officials wrote to caribou supporters." ... Numerous management actions have been identified – including caribou translocation – and all are being considered. Input received from yourselves and other interested parties is important and will help to inform the development of a future management approach for caribou in the area."

Caribou were common all around Lake Superior – including Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan – before European settlement. But they have dwindled to just a fraction of their range, all on Ontario islands on the big lake and, until recently, on the mainland along a 50-mile stretch between Marathon and Schreiber.

As of this past summer, it appears only about 30 caribou now are living on the Slate Islands,

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"We need a President who will tell us the truth, and listen to medical experts. WE NEED A LEADER. WE NEED JOE BIDEN."

Those are the headlines, so to speak, from the election mail I received this week. And that was just Wednesday.

I've been receiving election mail for months, but we're down to crunch time, folks, so you know what that means: Multiple flyers a day from candidates, political parties and political action committees.

Red, white and blue ink is spilled by the barrel onto oversized sheets of glossy paper urging me to vote. But not just vote, vote for their candidate.

There are only two problems with their strategy:

- This political junk mail has never once persuaded me to vote for one candidate over another.
- I've already voted.

Getty Images

In 2018, almost 67 percent of Michigan voters approved of Proposal 3, which means you, me and every other eligible voter can cast an absentee ballot weeks before Nov. 3. We don't even need a reason for requesting one. Your reason can be "I'm too lazy to drive to my polling location," but it doesn't matter because you don't have to tell anyone that. Thank goodness.

Until the day we all start voting online, it doesn't get any easier than having the ballot come directly to your mailbox.

I could've put my finished ballot in the mail, but instead I took it directly to the drop box at my township's office. Though I didn't have to at the time, the Secretary of State's office is now recommending voters hand deliver their ballots to ensure they are received by the deadline – 8 p.m. Nov. 3.

Everyone should want to vote, but I'm interesting to see how many actually will and how this year's turnout

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Erin Hooley / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Liam Ford decorates his Halloween candy chute.

The most 2020 of decorations

How candy chutes could help save Halloween from a freak show of a year

By LIAM FORD
Chicago Tribune

Erin Hooley / Chicago Tribune / TNS

Ruth Ford, 11, tries the Halloween candy chute.

CHICAGO — If one thing deserves to go on during this freak show of a year, it's Halloween.

America's civic, cultural and political life live in the spirit of the holiday.

Halloween was born from remnants of a pagan feast that also is bound up with the celebration of one of the highest holy days in the Christian calendar, All Saints Day. But Allhallows Eve has never been made an official holiday. Its traditions aren't organized.

It started in the United States as a night for bonfires, tale telling and costume parties. It became a night for sometimes dangerous mischief. And, after World War I, it turned into a night for children to beg door-to-door.

Since March, I've been thinking about Halloween and what the COVID-19 pandemic might do to it. Some haunted houses, the resorts of older teens enamored of frights but not willing to dress up in silly costumes, are out. Parties are out. Kids shouldn't gather with their friends to form door-to-door mobs.

And the isolation and the real-world horrors imposed by COVID-19 have had me flashing back to 1982. That year, the Chicago-area Tylenol murders, with bottles of painkillers tainted with cyanide, canceled trick-or-treating.

Can kids trick-or-treat safely this year, I wondered?

Then the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised parents to "avoid traditional trick-or-treating." Instead, the CDC advised people to leave small bags of treats outside your door. (How long would those last?)

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and city Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady gave us some hope when they said they weren't canceling Halloween.

Then my wife saw something on Facebook. A chute, made of a PVC pipe, designed to deliver Snickers or Twix or Laffy Taffy to the hungry hordes, while keeping the young ghouls away from those handing out the treats.

And I decided to build it.

Orange would be best. Orange PVC pipe is used for sprinkler systems. But it commonly comes as a 1-inch-wide pipe, too small for even the funnest-sized candies.

So, like a lot of people on YouTube and Facebook, I priced 10-foot-long, plain white, 3-inch PVC. They're the most common and easily available tubes, and last weekend, I was on the verge of spending about $15 at a local hardware store.

I needed about an 8-foot piece to attach to the front porch railing of our Rogers Park house, long enough to launch candy from the top step and have it be easily caught by kids on the front walk.

Luckily, I found enough scrap 2-inch PVC in the rafters of our garage.

I took it down, brought it to the front porch and it fit. (If you're buying a piece and don't have the equipment to safely cut it to size, most hardware stores will do it for you.) Cleaned off and hosed through, then disinfected and hosed again, it was ready for use.

My wife got a few rolls of orange duct tape (we visit the hardware store regularly), and I ended up using just one full roll, for about $5, to wrap the tube.

To keep the candy from shooting right out onto the sidewalk, I bought a 2-inch, 45-degree angle elbow for the bottom of the pipe.

I was going to mount the tube to the top of the railing with metal straps, but the hardware store clerks told me zip ties (with a little more duct tape) would do the job just fine.

Mounting complete, decorations came next. My 11-year-old daughter broke out some markers. I wrapped the chute with orange holiday lights and draped the top three-quarters with a wispy black cloth.

To keep the tube clean until Halloween, I attached round pieces of cardboard covered in tape at both ends.

The chute works. (Violating house rules, we broke into the stash of Halloween candy to test it.) Not only do the candy pieces come zooming out of the chute, they make a suitably didgeridoo-like sound on the way down.

A repurposed plastic jack-o'-lantern, with a hole cut in its mouth so it looks as if the pumpkin is spewing candy, completes the rig.

Next, we'll have to figure out how to mark off social distancing for the families we hope will give us a chance to use our newest, most 2020 of decorations.

So, friends and fellow candy-lovers, don't let the pandemic smash our Halloween spirit. We need it now more than ever.

We're a nation built on ingenuity. And duct tape.

Rediscovering our food

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

Nearly 30 years ago, I sat through a compelling talk by a futurist talking about how different clusters of age groups, or cohorts, viewed varied aspects of life.

Having great respect for data but not being a statistician, I've always enjoyed hearing others lay out societal trends in a way that makes you think anew.

That night, the speaker talked about how people of my age felt about their own personality and approach to work. He described me to a "T."

Big realization that night: I felt like a very independent person, but so did most everyone my age. Numerous examples were given. The realization? There might be something to this cohort business.

That memory came streaming back to me at an unlikely time: while reading about food in a magazine. What caught my eye was the comment that in the mid-1950s, "... most American kitchens were equipped with refrigerators, and housewives filled their new freezers with three iconic foods of that moment: TV dinners, fish sticks and Tater Tots." Oh my, that rang a bell.

Turns out, tater tots came from Ore-Ida's effort to recycle french fry leftovers – genius. But origins are a different story.

What was fascinating was the answer to something that had puzzled me. How did TV dinners, tater tots, Campbell soup casseroles, Jiffy Pop, and frequent reliance on fast food become a hallmark of middle class eating?

My mother grew up on a farm. How did the shift to processed food become a norm?

The evolution of U.S. food consumption became fascinating, and leads to some hopeful trends going forward. AARP makes a good case in its recent issue.

Ruth Reichi, former restaurant critic for the Los Angeles Times and past editor of Gourmet magazine, points out that going into World War II, nearly 25 percent of Americans worked in farming. Following the war, the discovery that the "enormous" surplus of ammonium nitrate used for explosives could be used as a powerful fertilizer for crops. The resulting spike in productivity, coupled with advancements in farm machinery began our march away from food sources.

By 1960, farmers had dropped to 9 percent of the population, and farming presence began to disappear from urban and suburban areas.

Convenience ruled as women entered the workforce in massive numbers through the 1960s.

Even TV dinners seemed too long to prepare. The era of "instant" arrived and never left. Instant mashed potatoes, instant coffee, instant rice, ready-canned meals.

Late coming home from work? The problem was solved with an explosion of snack foods: Pringles, Ruffles, Bugles and Doritos.

We got out of touch with basic eating. The 1970s brought a counter-culture revival of growing one's own food, but that was largely squashed in the '80s by an era Reichi calls the "scares": salmonella, botulism, mad cow disease and fear of food poisoning.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Felix. He is 11 weeks old and is seeking a foster or forever home. Felix is inquisitive, and loves to play and cuddle. He's prepared to become your best friend. Raised with dogs, he's fine with them. He's had a second set of shots. To submit an adoption application, visit www.sevenstarrescue.org or leave a message at 588-0470.

CHURCH NOTES

Overflow Church, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will host Candy Caravan from 6-8 p.m. Friday. Attendees can dress up for the drive-thru trick-or-treating event. There will be free hot chocolate and coffee, kids crafts, candy and a costume contest for groups and individuals. Costume pictures will be posted to Facebook, and a winner will be announced Nov. 2. Prizes include a TV, Bluetooth speaker and Amazon Fire TV stick.

Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 W. Shawnee Road, Bridgman, will host a trunk or treat from 4-6 p.m. Sunday. The event is free, and will include cider and donuts.

Baroda Bible Church will host a food truck from 4-5 p.m. Monday in the parking lot at **Zion United Church of Christ**, 9100 Third St., Baroda. For more information, call 876-6323 or visit www.barodabiblechurch.org.

Niles Avenue Baptist Church, 1301 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, will hold its annual Halloween "Hallelujah" Night from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31. Candy will be distributed outside. Social distancing will be practiced. Attendees are asked to wear a face mask and appropriate costumes. There won't be any indoor activities this year.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Send items to Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

VOLUNTEERS

Closet of Hope

Baroda Bible Church is seeking volunteers to help in its food pantry and "Closet of Hope," which help those in need.

The pantry and closet are open from 5-6 p.m. Mondays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays.

The church needs volunteers to help sort donations and run the closet.

For more information, call 422-1731.

Rake a Difference

On Nov. 12, United Way will hold its 10th annual "Rake a Difference – A Day of Action for Seniors."

Hundreds of Southwest Michigan volunteers will give senior citizens a helping hand by raking leaves and cleaning gutters before winter hits.

Many area seniors try to accomplish the work on their own, putting them at risk of falling and becoming seriously injured.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

An After School Experience

Youth Development Company/PAL is seeking volunteer tutors for its After School Experience. Volunteers should have a passion for working with children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Those who have an hour to help children with homework, tutor or lend an empathetic ear to someone who maybe had a rough day are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help foster families

Foster Closet of Michigan – Berrien County provides free items to foster families and children.

The items help rebuild foster children's lives by giving them something to call their own, and it helps relieve some of the financial strain on foster parents.

Volunteers are needed to help open the closet's doors to the public. The closet is open twice a week for two hours.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Blood drive helpers

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Volunteers will provide a warm, friendly greeting to all donors, instruct and help with registration, explain the importance of blood donations, help schedule appointments, screen blood donors for health concerns, and offer refreshments and conversation.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Love your neighbor no matter who wins Nov. 3

David M. Schell
Insights

At the center of the Christian faith and the Christian story is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

That's important for Christians to remember as we're 10 days away from "THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION OF OUR LIVES." Well, the most important one until the next one.

It's important for two reasons: First, because we may confuse an earthly "kingdom" with the kingdom of God; and second, because when that earthly kingdom we have put our hope in fails to materialize (when our candidate loses), we may despair and think there's nothing we can do now to help our neighbors.

To the first reason, it's important for Christians to remember Jesus' bodily resurrection as the center of the Christian story and faith, because if we have put our ultimate hope in Donald Trump or Joe Biden, our hope is misplaced.

Neither of those men will bring about the kingdom of God on Earth as it is in heaven. Neither candidate, nor anyone in either political party, has pledged to cancel all debt, empty the prisons, and convert our tanks into tractors. Neither candidate has asked the rich to give all that they have to the poor. If they had, they wouldn't have gotten nearly this far.

To the second reason, it's important for Christians to remember that God is a God of resurrection, because when the votes are counted, we may find that the candidate we feared would win has won.

We may be tempted to despair and fear that God's will has ultimately and finally been thwarted. But God is a God of resurrection. Remember, the Roman government executed Jesus, but God raised him from the dead.

We may think love and justice have been put to death on whatever day the election results finally come in, but Christ's resurrection reminds us that death is no obstacle to the love of God, for Christ has conquered death.

Whoever wins Nov. 3, however long the results take to tally, there are no laws that can stop us from following the rule of love, the rule of our true King: Jesus Christ, who bears the wounds of love, who said that whatever we have done to the least of these his brothers and sisters, we have done to him.

As Paul writes in Galatians 5:22-23, there is no law against love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Elections are critically important. Elections can have life and death consequences. They can determine whether our neighbors will have the same rights and protections we have.

As citizens of the kingdom of God, it's our duty to vote for those persons and policies we believe will best express God's love and care for our neighbors.

And it's as important, if not more so, to remember that our responsibility to love and care for our neighbors does not end when we drop off our ballots.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David M. Schell, pastor at Fairplain Presbyterian Church. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Curb appeal abounds with this Craftsman design. Check out the stone and board-and-batten siding. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Craftsman details with a modern layout

This standout Craftsman-style home offers rustic curb appeal and a modern layout. You'll find raised ceilings and large windows (which offer great views to the exterior) in the main living spaces.

The well-equipped kitchen has everything you need and is complete with a large island and eating bar. A bonus space adds flexibility and could be used as an extra bedroom, media room or office space.

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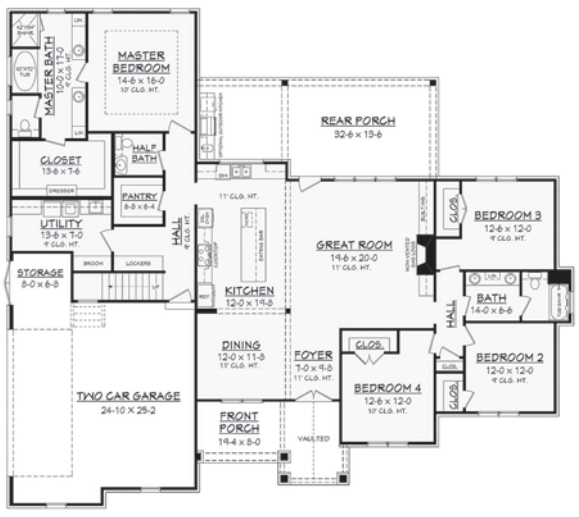

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Packing the court would destroy it

Court-packing is suddenly all the rage these days, what with nothing else zooming around in the zeitgeist.

Kathleen Parker

But, first, a glossary of terms. Court-packing does not mean that Republicans are getting to pick too many Supreme Court justices. What court-packing means, at least as Democrats are discussing it in legal circles, is expanding the number of justices by some arbitrary number in order to depoliticize the court and make its composition more balanced. Theoretically.

What it really means is that Democrats want to pack the court in the expectation that a liberal-dominated Supreme Court will operate as all liberal-dominated courts have – as a super-legislator fulfilling liberal policy dreams that can't get passed democratically. This was the same reason Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to pack the court in the 1930s: The Supreme Court was blocking some elements of the New Deal, and he wanted to add more justices in hope of securing approval. It's worth remembering that this failed plan was the worst stain on his presidency – until his internment of Japanese Americans in the wake of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

Democrats are still aggrieved that Merrick Garland, nominated by President Barack Obama in 2016, didn't receive so much as a hearing by the Republican-controlled Senate. This, too, is understandable, if not as relevant as one might think.

My own view at the time was that Garland, who wasn't a hardcore lefty and had some appeal to centrist Republicans, should have at least been shown the courtesy of a hearing. But there's no constitutional requirement that any president's nominee be considered – and hearings, courtesy or otherwise, are not required. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was well within his powers to ensure that the Garland pick went nowhere.

Wait, wait, I know. Yes, of course, it's hypocritical for Republicans to argue *then* that the next president should choose Justice Antonin Scalia's replacement and to *now* argue the impending election doesn't matter. It is an old-fashioned power grab, no different than Democrats would surely orchestrate were circumstances reversed. So it goes in the land of the free and the home of majority rule.

But here's the distinction with an important difference: What matters more than good intentions, more than politics, more than any president, is public perception of the stability of the court and its positioning above politics. This is why the justices wear black robes; it isn't supposed to matter who they are. They're all alike in their remove from the fray. A rush by one party would further undermine what is already in danger of looking like just another branch of government riven by politics. Adding members to the high bench would create an even more politicized judiciary and further diminish public trust in our institutions.

Both parties bear responsibility for this trend. Its roots lie with the Democrats' rejection in 1987 of Robert Bork to the high court in a viciously partisan melee. Ever since, not even grudging respect has softened the contempt and disdain each party directs toward the other's nominee, though mostly we're talking about Republican nominees. The conservative-leaning majority, assuming Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation, has left Democrats plotting ways to disrupt the carefully minded distance between the judiciary and the other two branches of government.

Joe Biden understands all of this and has consistently spoken out against packing the court, calling it in 1983 a "bonehead idea" and warning last year that doing so would destroy "any credibility the court has at all." But recently he has begun showing signs of coyness as pressures come to bear from liberal commentators and at least 17 progressive groups pushing for it.

The question now is whether Biden will stick to his view if he wins or give into the gravitational pull of a younger generation of Democrats who want a liberal court, by hook, crook or wrecking ball. That tug will be greater if the Democrats win the White House and the Senate. During recent public appearances, Biden has refused to say where he stands, observing correctly that no matter what he says, his answer would become the focus of the campaign's final days.

The best argument against adding more justices is: Where does it stop? If Democrats add three more justices, then Republicans will add three – or however many – and so on. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., who said last year everything is on the table, once told a joke about a future grandchild asking him, "Granddad, why do we have 151 people on the Supreme Court?"

It's a funny line, but the more serious consequences of messing with the land's highest court aren't amusing in the least.

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LETTERS

Trump's accomplishments not fairly reported

Editor,

Letters to The Herald-Palladium regarding President Trump are almost all negative. This is not a surprise since major media, social media and Democrats have presented only 90 percent negative material. They deliberately suppress the huge amount of positive news, while editing and spinning what is reported to make it sound negative.

Since good news is not widely reported I offer the following sample of some.

The economy. Cancelled damaging regulations, reduced taxes for nearly every taxpayer restored public confidence in the future. Result: a spurt of growth, low unemployment (record low for Blacks and Hispanics), stock market (and 401k/pension plan) record highs, opportunity zones created meaningful investments and jobs for "forgotten communities," put American companies in more world competitive position.

Fairer trade. New deals with Canada, Mexico, South Korea, Japan and other countries putting American workers first, began correcting unfair trade with China which had been abusing us for decades (and which had been permitted by past administrations).

Improved security. Rebuilt our military after it was seriously depleted during prior administration, defeated ISIS.

Energy. Unleashed producers so that the US became largest energy producer in the world, a net exporter of energy.

Securing our borders. After decades of allowed abuse of our immigration laws he made major steps to protect our borders – a wall, ended catch and release, moves toward merit-based system protecting American workers, strong actions to stop deadly drugs, (kids in cages was actually during Obama years).

World leadership. Ended horrible Iran deal, after promise after promise of past presidents moved our embassy to Jerusalem, got NATO members to increase defense spending (they were failing to meet obligations for years while we paid the bill), managed a peace accord between Israel and other Middle East countries (a really BIG accomplishment), reversed the Cuba appeasement policy, reversed the policies of appeasement toward China, North Korea and others – reestablished our role as serious player in world events.

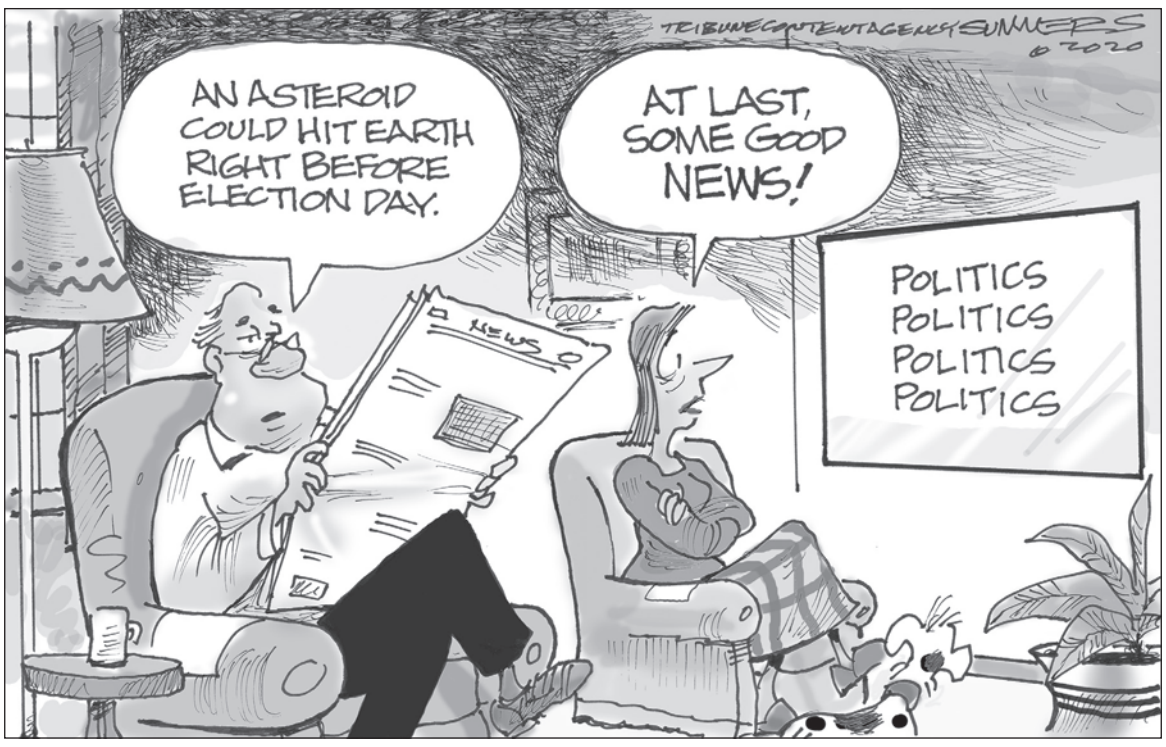
Veterans. Enacted historic reforms resulting in huge improvements in VA health care (had been a problem for years), VA satisfaction reached record highs.

COVID-19. Took early action on travel restrictions from China, Europe and Iran, developed most advanced testing system in the world, initiated Operation Warp Speed to develop vaccine in unheard of record time, managed, through the private sector, to deliver 195 million N95 respirators, 815 million surgical masks, 20 billion gloves, etc. – very impressive mobilization (stockpiles of some materials depleted during 2009 H1N1 pandemic were never replenished creating early shortages). Received praise from American health officials.

The list goes on. I am hoping this sample will cause some to look at the probability of security and prosperity under continued Trump leadership versus the higher tax, increased regulation, government-centered approach of the alternative.

I urge you to vote for actions and results not personality.

Bob Pabst
Dowagiac



Election letters

The deadline for letters related to the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 26. Any letters received after that date will not be published.

Due to high volume, there will not be room to run all letters received.

Letters related to candidates and issues will be limited to 300 words.

Good reasons to vote for Trump

Editor,

Reasons to vote for Donald Trump and other Republican candidates:

1. ALL lives matter, including the unborn.
2. First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion matter.
3. The Second Amendment right of gun ownership by law-abiding citizens matters.
4. Free-market capitalism matters.
5. Energy independence matters.
6. Economic advancement for minorities and other disadvantaged groups matters. This was actually happening before COVID-19. It will happen again if Donald Trump is re-elected.
7. The truth about American history – good as well as bad – matters.
8. Law enforcement matters. Everyone's life and property must be protected.
9. Legal immigration and border security matter.

Mary G. Spaulding
St. Joseph

Trump supporters overlook his many flaws

Editor,

The Trumpers – those with the huge flags, numerous yard signs, refusing to wear face masks – are amazing with their ability to forgive.

They easily forgive Trump for:

Supporting white supremacists.

Inciting violence against the Michigan elected governor.

Lying about COVID-19, how it will just go away like a miracle (last summer), how wearing a mask is a sign of weakness.

Turning his supporters against facts, science (including the eminent Dr. Fauci) and U.S. allies.

Believing what Putin says over our own intelligence agencies.

Holding numerous COVID-19 super-spreader events to satisfy his personal need for attention.

Trampling our Constitution by profiting personally with personal business transactions (including Trump hotels), using presidential power of coercion and reward with foreign and domestic policy. One of these led to impeachment.

Undermining our safe, fair and legal elections by U.S. mail.

Hiding his income taxes (and likely fraud) from U.S. citizens.

I only hope that when this political and social nightmare ends, and it will end, in the upcoming weeks, that the rest of the U.S. citizens can find it in our hearts to forgive you!

Ellen Higdon
St. Joseph

Upton has failed to stand up for decency

Editor,

Is there anyone, other than Donald Trump, with fewer accomplishments with which to campaign than Congressman Fred Upton? According to Upton's campaign ads, the most important fact for us to know from his 17 terms in the House of Representatives is that he can requisition a medal.

The greatest crisis we face as a civilization is climate change; as a country, it's racism. The leading cause of death in the United States in 2020 will be the lack of GOP leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Congressman Upton and the GOP's lack of moral clarity has enabled a grossly immoral man to make a mockery of our Constitution while needlessly allowing hundreds of thousands of Americans to die. Democracy itself may be at risk and Congressman Fred Upton thinks it's important that you know he can requisition medals.

Tough times not only build character, but show character. Fred Upton's silence vividly demonstrates he lacks the courage to speak to the moral issues of our day. To make America smart you need to believe in facts and science. To make America decent you must become your brothers' keeper. To make America America, you have to let people vote.

Vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Vote to re-elect Gary Peters to the Senate. Vote for Jon Hoadley for Congress. Vote for Bridget McCormick and Elizabeth Welch for the Michigan Supreme Court. Vote for every Democrat on the ballot. Make America smart. Make America decent. Vote.

Anthony Marsala
Benton Harbor

Biden presidency would lead to ruin

Editor,

Here is what you will get when you vote for Biden and Harris.

A socialist government. If you don't know what that is, it's not an ice cream social. This is a government that gives you free medical care, free college tuition.

Defund the police. Reduce the military funding, to a point that they couldn't fight their way out of a wet paper bag. Stop supporting our veterans, like they did when Biden was vice president before.

Pack the Supreme Court so it will work in the Democrats' favor. Open borders. Green New Deal. Freebies for those who choose not to work, including welfare checks, for people that don't deserve it.

Higher taxes will pay for everything you get free, which will come out of your pockets and the pockets of your employer. This will cause your jobs to move overseas to provide lower cost manufacturing. In four years you won't be able to pay for a glass of water.

Fred Canfield
Buchanan

Quality health care leads to fewer abortions

Editor,

"Yes, I hate Trump, but I hate abortion more," my friend said when I asked him if he was planning to vote for Trump again this November. This sentiment is reflected by others I know whose main requirement for the candidates that they chose to vote for in any given election is that they be anti-abortion. If, like my friend, your litmus test for a candidate's worthiness to receive your vote is primarily based on his or her pro-life stance, then I urge you to consider voting for Democrats who support the Affordable Care Act (ACA), because abortion rates decline when women have access to affordable health care (Brookings, Guttmacher Institute).

A statistical chart tracking reported abortions in the U.S. since 1909 shows a significant drop in legal abortions performed beginning in 2009 when the ACA first began (Johnston's Archive). The key to reducing abortion rates is to help women prevent unplanned pregnancies in the first place with effective contraceptives. Affordable healthcare also allows parents to provide health care for the precious children they have and for themselves.

Studies have shown that a lack of affordable health care and legal restrictions on access to pregnancy terminations actually leads to higher abortion rates worldwide (World Healthcare Organization).

The GOP has steadfastly worked to undermine ACA by cutting the budget and eliminating some of the programs that helped people learn about insurance options, resulting in an increased number of those that are again uninsured since the implementation of ACA. The slippage of insurance coverage has been especially hurtful to children (New York Times, March 24, 2020). Our care for children needs to extend beyond the womb! It is going to take time and effort to get ACA back on track, and what wasn't working well must be addressed, including lowering premium and deductible costs. Health insurance companies are "for profit" organizations, but there are reasonable profits vs. flagrant ones that are currently being gained at the expense of affordable health care options.

We need affordable, accessible and quality health care for ourselves, our families, and to help prevent unwanted pregnancies by giving women access to effective contraceptives. Let's support the candidates who support the ACA.

Mary Ann Paquette
Berrien Springs

Donations to senior center were tasty

Editor,

I would like to thank the farmers who brought produce to the North Berrien Senior Center. It not only saved us money by not having to go to the grocery stores but we have the satisfaction that it was fresh off the farm in our "great Southwest." It was much appreciated. Thanks to all our farmers for the abundance of fruits and vegetables we are blessed to have in our communities.

Dawn Consolino
Coloma

Racial profiling is shameful

Editor,

As a resident of St. Joseph living on Ridgeway, I was disheartened, appalled and ashamed to learn that this past Saturday an "anonymous" caller, presumably a neighbor, reported "suspicious activity" on our street. It's understandable that the caller wished to remain anonymous because his/her actions are in direct conflict with a neighborhood that is predominantly striving for unity, which cannot be achieved by what clearly appears to be racial profiling.

Compliments to the two police officers for their professional handling of this unfortunate incident and to The Herald-Palladium for publishing the story.

Judy C. Pierson
St. Joseph

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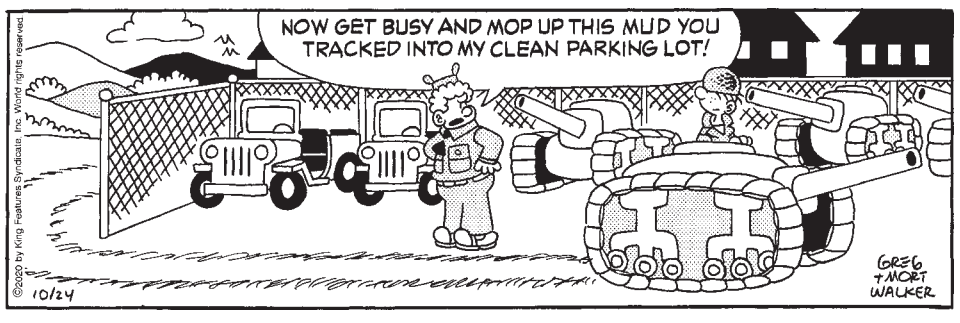

BLONDIE

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY HAD A PRETTY GOOD DAY AT THE MALL.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS KIND OF DISAPPOINTING
I EXPECTED TO FIND A BETTER SELECTION OF SALE ITEMS
SO, I JUST FORCED MYSELF TO BUY EVERYTHING AT FULL PRICE!
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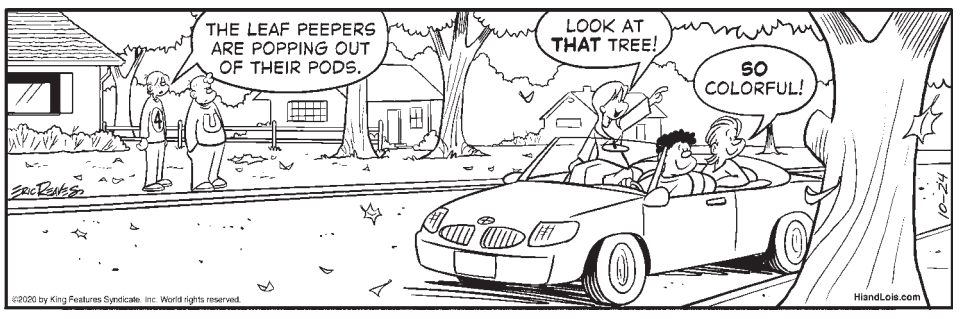

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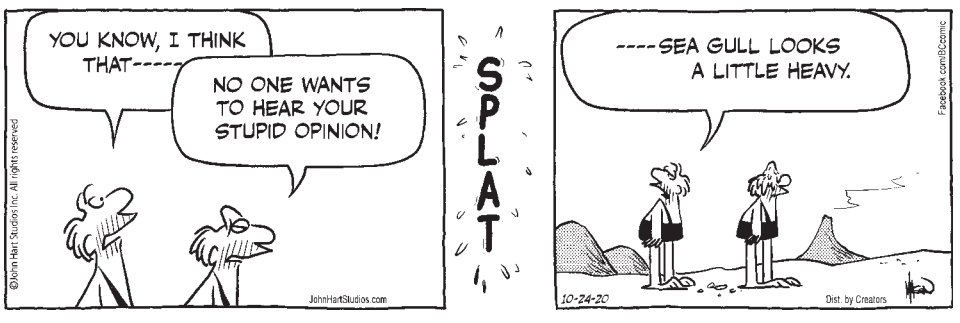

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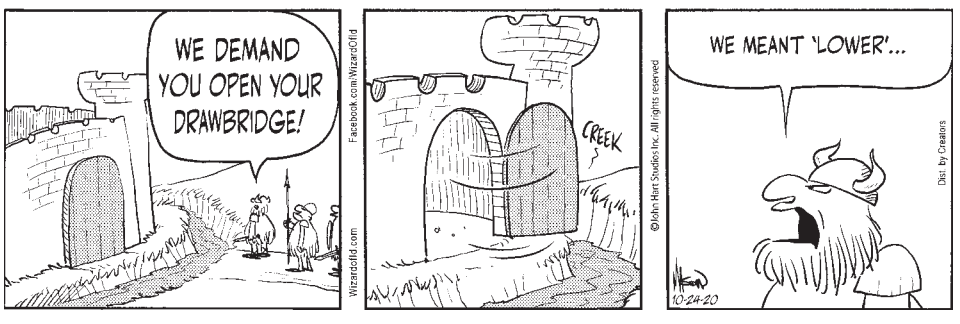

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ARE YOU HITTING ON ME? YOU'D BETTER BUY MY SOFTWARE NOW, OR I'LL REPORT YOU TO YOUR OWN HUMAN RESOURCES.
OKAY, OKAY. I'LL DO ANY-THING YOU WANT.
WOW. YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU SAID YOU'RE NOT A FIGHTER.
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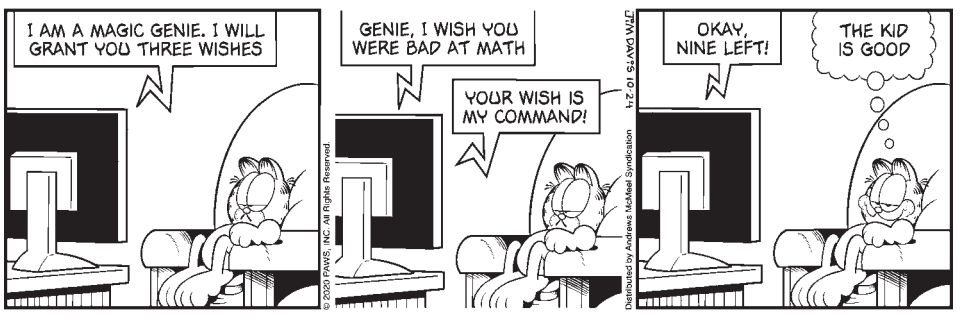
I AM A MAGIC GENIE. I WILL GRANT YOU THREE WISHES
GENIE, I WISH YOU WERE BAD AT MATH
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!
OKAY, NINE LEFT!
THE KID IS GOOD
JIM DAVIS 10-24
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FORT KNOX

THE EXTERMINATOR ASKED IF WE WANTED TO KEEP THE RACCOON.
I HOPE YOU SAID "NO."
ON THE CONTRARY, I SAID "YES."
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH A FIFTY-POUND RACCOON??
RELAX... IT WON'T HARM US.
ARE YOU GOING TO TRAIN IT?
NO, FEED IT TO FIDEL.
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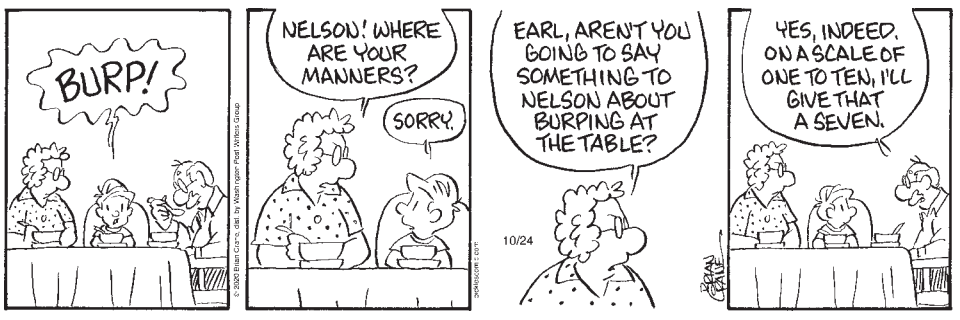
BURP!
NELSON! WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?
SORRY.
EARL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING TO NELSON ABOUT BURPING AT THE TABLE?
YES, INDEED. ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, I'LL GIVE THAT A SEVEN.
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"If you only wanted to play with the dinosaur, why did you get the rest of these things out?"

BABY BLUES

WHAT'S WITH THE FLY SWATTER?
THERE'S A BUG IN MY CLOSET.
SWAT!
OW!
DID YOU GET RID OF THE BUG?
YEAH, HE WENT BACK TO HIS ROOM.
babyblues.com

CURTIS

I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THE FAMILY WHO HAS SKIPPED SO MANY GRADES!
IT DON'T MATTER HOW SMART YOU ARE...
"DOESN'T" MATTER
THERE ARE CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS YOU CAN'T GO INTO WITHOUT BEING HASSLED!
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YEAH, CHEW ON THAT, EINSTEIN!
TOM INGLESBY

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

THESE GET-WELL CARDS CAME FOR YOU!
GREAT!
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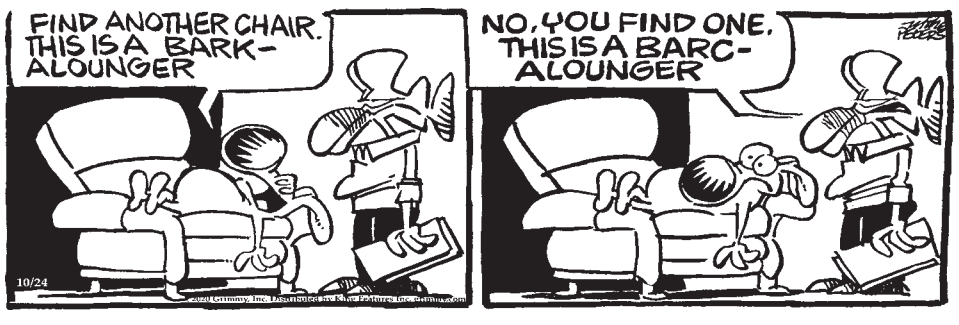
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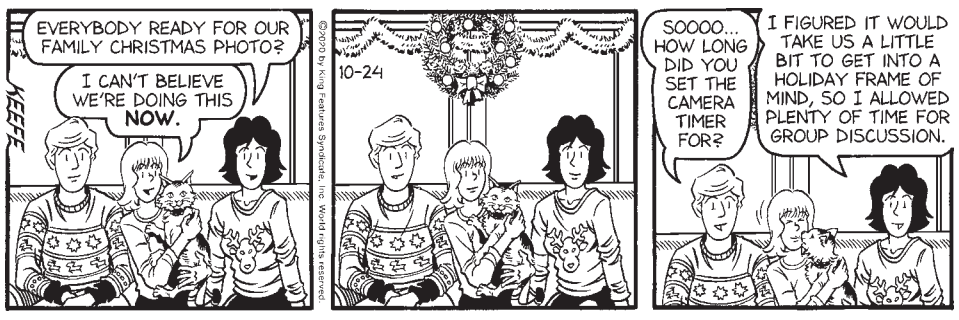
EVERYBODY READY FOR OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS PHOTO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE DOING THIS NOW.
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SOOOO... HOW LONG DID YOU SET THE CAMERA TIMER FOR?
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SATURDAY EVENING OCT. 24

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	**College Football** Michigan at Minnesota. From TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. (N) (L)						
CBS 2 3 22	**News**	**NCIS: Los Angeles** "Kill Beale: Vol. 1"		**NCIS: New Orleans** CC (DVS)		**48 Hours** (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	**Mentoring Kings**	**Weakest Link** CC (DVS)		**Ellen's Game of Games** CC		**Saturday Night Live** (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	**Series Pregame**	**2020 World Series** Game 4: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	**Lawrence Welk**	**Antiques Roadshow** "Our 50 States 1"		**As Time Goes By**	**As Time Goes By**	**Keeping Up Appearances** CC	
CW 25	**Big Bang Theory**	**Mike & Molly**	**Mike & Molly**	**Seinfeld** CC	**Seinfeld** CC	**News**	**Deep Impact** ('98)
MNT 50	**Graham Bensinger**	**Dateline** "Deep in the Woods" CC		**Dateline** A father's fight for justice.		**Storm of Suspicion**	
WCIU 26	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**
WHME 46	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** "Decision Time" CC (DVS)		**Murdoch Mysteries** "Crabtree a la Carte"		**Murdoch Mysteries** CC (DVS)	
WGN 9	**MLS Soccer** New York Red Bulls at Chicago Fire FC. From Soldier Field in Chicago.				**Friends** CC	**WGN Weekend News at Nine** (N)	
A&E	6:00 **The First 48**	**The First 48** "Crossroads" CC		**Live Rescue** "Live Rescue -- 10.24.2020" (N) CC			
AMC	:45 ★★ **Carrie** ('13, Horror) Chloë Grace Moretz, Julianne Moore, Judy Greer. CC					**Eli Roth's History of Horror** (N) CC	
Animal	**Dr. Jeff**	**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Mega Zoo** (N)	
BET	**Drumline**	**HBCU Homecoming: Meet Me on the Yard**				**HBCU Homecoming**	
Big Ten	**TBA**	**To Be Announced**				**Campus**	**Drive**
Bravo	**Monster-in-Law**	★★★ **The Devil Wears Prada** ('06, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Adrian Grenier. CC					**Devil-Prada**
Cartoon	**Gumball**	**Apple**	**Apple**	**Burgers**	**American**	**American**	**Primal**
Cinemax	:00 **Warrior** CC	7:55 ★★★ **Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story** ('04) CC			★★ **Metro** ('97) Eddie Murphy, Michael Rapaport. CC		
CMT	**To Be Announced**				★★★ **Beverly Hills Cop**		
CNBC	**Boss**	**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**	
CNN	**Situation**	**Situation Room**		**Situation Room**		**CNN Special Report**	
Comedy	**Internship**	★ **Little Fockers** ('10) Robert De Niro. CC					**We Mill**
Discovery	**Last Frontier**	**Alaska: The Last Frontier** "Operation: Winter Prep" (N) CC					
Disney	**Gabby**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Amphibia**	**Owl Hse.**
DIY	**Alaska**	**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**	
E!	:00 ★★ **The Proposal** ('09)				★★ **The Proposal** ('09)		
ESPN	:00 **College Football** Teams TBA.					**College Football**	
ESPN2	**College Football**		**Scores**	**College Football** Cincinnati at SMU. (N)			
ESPNC	**Baseball**	**MLB Baseball**				**MLB Baseball**	
Food	**Diners**	**Diners**	**Diners**	**Diners**	**Diners**	**Diners**	**Diners**
Fox News	**Life**	**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Jeanine**		**Greg Gutfeld**	
Fox Sports	**Basketball Is Back**		**World Poker**		**Golf Life**	**United**	**Lions**
Freefrm	6:50 ★★ **The Addams Family** ('91) Anjelica Huston.			8:55 ★★ **Addams Family Values** ('93) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia. CC			
FX	**Transylvania 3**	★★★ **Goosebumps** ('15, Fantasy) Jack Black, Dylan Minnette. CC				★★★ **Goosebumps** ('15) CC	
Golf	**PGA Golf**	**Central**	**Central**	**PGA Golf**			
Hallmark	**Christmas Town**	**Jingle Bell Bride** ('20, Romance) Julie Gonzalo, Ronnie Rowe Jr. (P). CC				:01 **Christmas at Pemberley Manor**	
HBO	5:45 **Shazam!**	★★★ **EMMA.** ('20, Romance) Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn. (P). CC				:05 **The Vow** CC	
History	**Barrett-Jackson Live Auction: Super Saturday** (N)					**Counting Cars**	
HGTV	**Bones**	**Should I Stay or Go**		**Love It or List It**		**Love It or List It**	
Learning	**People**	**Little People, World**		**Little People, World**		**Little People, World**	
Lifetime	**Christmas on Ice**	**Christmas Unwrapped** ('20, Drama) Amber Stevens West. (P). CC				:03 **Sweet Mountain Christmas**	
MSNBC	**Voices**	**Week-Johnson**		**Week-Johnson**		**American Voices**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**Football**	**Marathon** (N)					
NFL	6:00 **NFL Football** CC			**NFL Football** CC			
Nick	**Sponge.**	**Unfiltered**	**Group**	**Un**	**Sponge.**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Drugs,**	**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**	
Oxygen	**Dateline: Secrets**	**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** "A Gathering Storm" A troubled father is found dead.				**Dateline: Secrets Uncovered** CC	
Parmt	**Raiders of the Lost Ark** ('81)			**Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade**			
Showtime	**The Good Lord Bird**	**The Best of All the Smoke**		**Boxing** Sergey Lipinets vs. Kudratillo Abdukakhorov. (N) (L) CC			
Starz	**Jumanji: Next**	**In The Long Run**	:26 ★★ **Man of the House** ('05) Tommy Lee Jones.			:09 **The Spanish Princess** "Flodden"	
STZENC	**Ghost Rider: Spirit**	★★★ **Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure** ('89) CC			:33 ★★ **Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey** ('91, Comedy) CC		
SyFy	5:55 ★★★ **Avengers: Age of Ultron** ('15) CC (DVS)			★★★ **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** ('17) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. CC (DVS)			
TBS	6:00 ★★★ **Black Panther** ('18, Action) Chadwick Boseman.			**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	**Citizen Kane** ('41)	★★ **Ace in the Hole** ('51, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling, Porter Hall. CC				:15 ★★ **Flesh and Fury** ('52)	
TMC	6:55 ★★★ **A Most Violent Year** ('14) Oscar Isaac. CC			★★ **The Beyond** ('81, Horror) Katherine MacColl. CC			**Blood Fest** ('18)
TNT	**Trans**	★★ **Rampage** ('18) Dwayne Johnson.				**Legend Tarzan**	
Travel	**Ghost**	**Ghost Nation** CC		**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Destination Fear** (N)	
TV Land	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
USA	6:25 ★★ **Fast & Furious** ('09)		:45 ★★ **San Andreas** ('15) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.				
VH1	**40 Year**	★★ **The Longest Yard** ('05) Adam Sandler. CC					**Blue Strk**
WGN-A	:00 **Blue Bloods**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

New mother is on her own when it comes to child care

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter is married to a very selfish man. They have a newborn baby, and he refuses to help her with the baby. He claims that because he works, he isn't obligated.

She cares for the baby 24/7 and does all the housework, cooking, etc. If she asks him to feed the baby in the morning, he says, "I'M hungry, so I have to have my breakfast first," and he lets the baby cry. He also refuses to change a diaper.

What can she say or do that might encourage him to change his ways? It is unfair to her to work 24/7 like this, and she is EXHAUSTED. – Stepgrandma In Israel

DEAR STEPGRANDMA: I agree the treatment your daughter is receiving is unfair. That her husband would eat while his infant is crying for food is beyond insensitive; it's neglectful and cruel. She should not expect this man to change his attitude. This is who he is, and he not only won't change, his self-centeredness will become worse with time.

If you can take in your grandchild – and your stepdaughter – and give her a chance to get some rest, please consider it. And while she is with you, point out that this will be her future as long as she remains with her husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have the most wonderful, caring, loving husband any wife could dream of, and together we have a very sweet dog who adores us both but my husband a bit too much, if I may put it that way. When my husband is relaxing on the couch, "Peanut" likes to, umm, "love on" his leg.

I know this is something dogs do, and I have read that it's a way to establish the alpha, but my husband doesn't dissuade her from this "loving" behavior. I find it disturbing, not so much because Peanut does it, but because my husband doesn't mind or even likes it. Is this normal? – Other Alpha In Massachusetts

DEAR OTHER ALPHA: According to the ASPCA website, what Peanut is doing is normal behavior for animals of both sexes, including those that have been spayed or neutered. Your husband's acceptance of it, in my opinion, is less so.

DEAR ABBY: I know a man who is a wonderful person, but he has a habit that is very disturbing. He gets angry when I laugh. He says I shouldn't be laughing because he thinks what I'm laughing at isn't funny.

I used to start a phrase with, "The funny thing is," meaning strange or odd, and he would cut me off saying, "I don't see why you think that's funny." I have since changed the phrase to "The odd thing is" to keep the peace. How can I handle this without creating a scene or argument? It is annoying when we are alone and embarrassing when we are in public. – Unfunny In Texas

DEAR UNFUNNY: I am sure it's embarrassing. "Wonderful" people do not correct others in public. They wait and do it privately. This person may have redeeming qualities, but tact and a sense of humor are not two of them. If telling him you don't like what he's doing and that it's inappropriate will cause a scene or an argument, my advice is to re-evaluate the relationship.

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Halloween costume rule: Don't punch down

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Halloween costuming seems to have gotten more complex over the years with a number of people being offended for reasons I cannot comprehend.

Additionally, I have two foreign exchange students living with me who have never celebrated Halloween before and seem excited about it. I have explained that costumes came about originally as a way to scare off the evil spirits that people believed were free to walk the earth on All Hallow's Eve.

Scary costumes seem pretty straightforward but then the rules get murky. There was a huge commotion about a not-Asian girl wearing a kimono. One of my girls brought a traditional dress from her home country to show us and now wonders if she could wear it as a Halloween costume.

On one hand, she is from that country so it should be OK to wear it, right? On the other hand, it really isn't a costume meant for Halloween. Help me out here, please. – Murky

DEAR MURKY: It's actually not that murky, I don't think.

Do dress up as something. Do not dress up as a member of a race, ethnicity or culture of which you are not a member.

Right?

And when in doubt, ask yourself, is this hurting or foreseeably insulting anyone, mocking anyone or condescending to anyone?

It's not perfect, but it's well-meaning without everyone having to be an M&M.

REGARDING COSTUMES: You can absolutely comprehend it, if you take time to read/hear and understand the offense. There's even a catchy slogan: "My Culture Is Not Your Costume." – Catchy

REGARDING COSTUMES: Also: Is your costume neutral, or does it punch up or down? If it punches down, that's a solid no-go.

Google to see the foreclosure firm whose employees dressed up as homeless people. Punching up may also be a problem, but punching down always will be. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yesssss. I was trying to figure out a way to explain why, for example, "hobo" is not a culture but also not an option. But I couldn't get there so I skipped it.

"Don't punch down." Simple, elegant, clear. Thank you.

REGARDING COSTUMES: What I'm getting is: Teach your kids about respecting all cultures but when they want to emulate that culture (in a respectful way) tell them they can't because they aren't that culture.

Talk about mixed messages. – Mixed

DEAR MIXED: Wait, no.

The unmixed message is that Halloween-costume treatment does not meet the standard of "in a respectful way." It's not a parenthetical, it's the point.

REGARDING COSTUMES: What about dressing up as a pirate, a witch, a fireman, a football player ... when you're definitely not part of the culture of any of these?

A pumpkin? Is that OK? Tell us what sorts of costumes *are* OK for Halloween. – What About

DEAR WHAT ABOUT: You are being deliberately obtuse. Stop.

REGARDING COSTUMES: This reminds me of the men who think the #MeToo movement will prevent them from ever having a professional relationship with a woman.

"Woe is me, how can we possibly understand what is to be expected of us!" – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Bingo.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Meat counter buy
4 That guy
7 Copenhagen native
11 I, to Caesar
12 Sponge feature
13 Draft animals
14 Sweater letter
15 Two-piece cookie
16 Not sad
17 Hard rolls
19 Thin cookie
21 Stead
23 Highland miss
24 Rudimentary
27 Dusting powder
29 W-2 collectors
30 Arizona city
32 Historical periods
36 Motion picture
38 Eyeliner
40 Author Umberto —
41 Sheltered sides
43 Convent
45 Gullet
47 Baja snack
49 Expected
51 Bawdy
55 Derrick booms
56 Highest point
58 Mongrel
59 Escape
60 Layer
61 Novelist — Levin
62 Pirate captain
63 Give assistance
64 Beads on grass

DOWN
1 Sage or basil
2 — Khan
3 Type of synthesizer
4 Cavalry mount
5 High dudgeon
6 Kitty's greeting
7 WWII soldier
8 Wheel rods
9 Gets close
10 Windup
12 Course of action
18 Bulldogs backer
20 Sum total
22 Maximum
24 Razor brand
25 "Exodus" character
26 9-digit no.
28 Pleased sigh
31 Hawaiian guitar
33 Civil War soldier
34 Expert
35 Protein source
37 Slipped by
39 More frilly
42 Bleater
44 Dock
45 Pungent pod
46 In judge's garb
48 Having weapons
50 Computer info
52 Sour
53 Entice
54 Quick on the —
55 DDE successor
57 Nero's 102

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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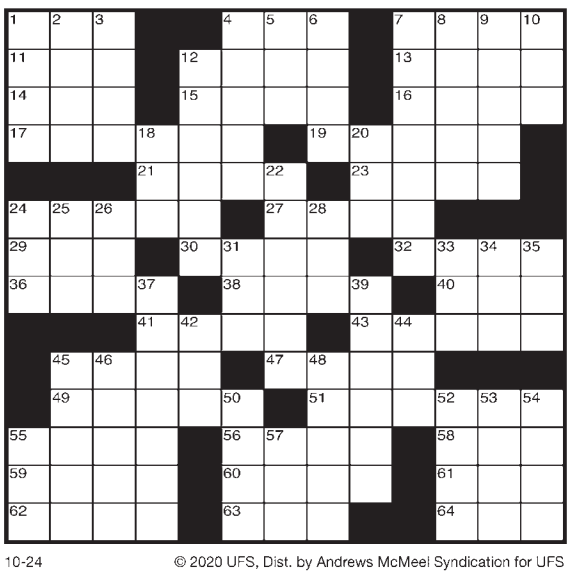

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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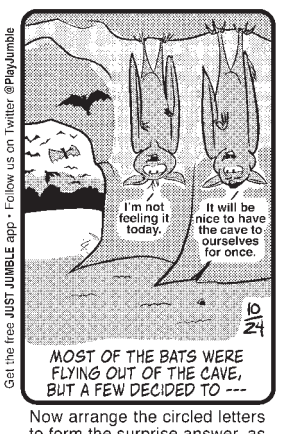
I'm not feeling it today.
It will be nice to have the cave to ourselves for once.
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MOST OF THE BATS WERE FLYING OUT OF THE CAVE, BUT A FEW DECIDED TO ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ○○○○ ○○○○

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RATIO FUDGE SOCKET LUNACY
Answer: When Gideon Sundback showed how his new zipper worked, people were — "FASTEN-ATED"

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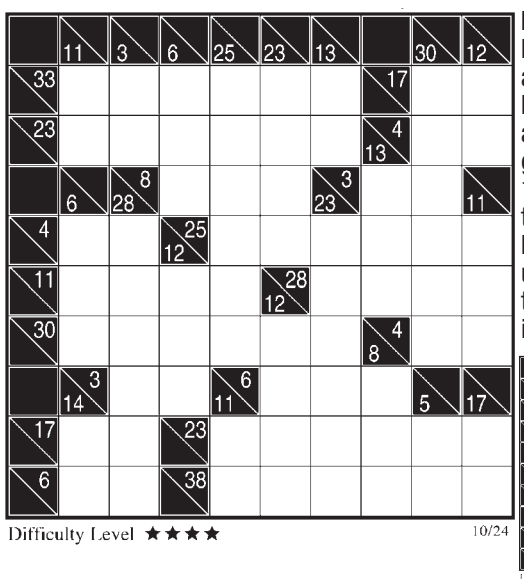
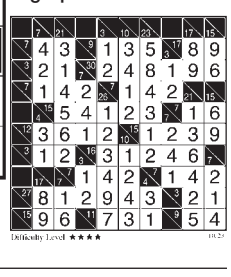
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

One of the most naturally talented players, not just in the United States but also the world, Justin Lall, has died at the very early age of 33 from liver disease.

He was a two-time world junior team champion, and he won a silver medal in the 2011 Bermuda Bowl world team championship. He captured six national championships, and at the time, aged only 25, was the youngest-ever Grand Life Master, which requires 10,000 masterpoints and a national title.

In today's deal, Lall, sitting East, heard his opponents bid their full values in reaching game. Aware that the suits were breaking badly for declarer, Lall doubled three no-trump.

Often, this double would have requested a specific lead from partner – either the first suit bid by the dummy or West's shorter major – but not after this crawl-into-game sequence. So Hemant Lall (West), Justin's father, led the club 10. At trick two, Justin accurately switched to a spade. Declarer took the trick with dummy's king and played a club to the queen and ace. West shifted to his heart, East's nine driving out South's ace. Declarer cashed his spade winners and led his last spade. West played a diamond to the jack and ace.

If South had been Justin Lall, he would have cashed his club jack, then led a red suit, catching East in an endplay to escape for down one. But declarer immediately ran the diamond 10. East won and returned a diamond to dummy's king. South played a club to his jack, then had the choice of giving the last two tricks to either defender: down two.

North 10-24-20
♠ K 5
♥ Q 10 6 4 3
♦ K 6 2
♣ 5 4 2

West
♠ J 9 7 4
♥ 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ A 10 9 7 6

East
♠ 10 8 2
♥ K J 9 7 5
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ K

South
♠ A Q 6 3
♥ A 8
♦ A 10 9
♣ Q J 8 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ 10

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	5	1	9	2	4	8	7	3
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8	1	4	6	3	2	7	5	9
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GENERATIONS

From page C1

Then in 1993, TV executive Maurice "Reese" Schonfeld launched the Food Network.

Per Reichi, "I don't think it's possible to overstate the positive influence of food television."

A huge range of programs started changing the way people felt about food.

So what's hopeful now? People in lockdown have begun to cook again. People have been planting gardens. Seed and nursery sales have soared. Food pantries providing to those in need have begun giving out recipes. People in rural areas are buying straight from the farm more.

In 2010, Reichi handed a New York City kid a cucumber. He looked at it suspiciously and said, "What's that?"

Maybe we're on the verge of a new era of rediscovering a basic need, food.

Lynn Kellogg is CEO of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

STEINKE

From page C1

stacks up to past presidential elections with another obstacle removed from the voting process.

Statewide, 4,874,619 people voted in 2016 – 63 percent of eligible voters. That number seems well within reach, and should be cleared easily with the expansion of absentee voting.

As of Monday, about two weeks before Election Day, more than 1.5 million Michiganders had already voted. And nearly twice that many had requested an absentee ballot.

In the tri-county area of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, more than 71,000 people have requested early ballots. And nearly 34,000 people had already returned them as of Monday. By comparison, in 2016, more than 130,000 local people voted.

For the first time, the phrase "on or before" can be seen and heard in political ads – as in, "vote on or before Nov. 3."

Put me down for "before" and send me a sticker. My job here is done.

Now if only I could find the "unsubscribe" box for political mail.

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Museum hands out Preservation Awards

Committee notes three Benton Harbor buildings in danger of being lost

AT LEFT: Bryan Seckelmann won his third Preservation Award for restoring the building at 209 W. Main St. that now houses Secret Garden at the Harbor.

The Pipestone Indoor Country Club (below left) and a home at 873 Territorial Road (below right) also won Preservation Awards.

Photos provided

BENTON HARBOR — Morton House Museum recently presented its 2020 Preservation Awards during a ceremony at Secret Garden at the Harbor.

The awards, which have been given out biennially since 2010, recognize owners who have preserved existing buildings in Benton Harbor, according to a news release.

The Preservation Committee, which is sponsored by the museum, also chooses buildings that are most endangered of being lost.

The buildings noted for their preservation this year were:

■ Secret Garden at the Harbor, 209 W. Main St.

Owned and restored by Bryan Seckelmann, the building has a history stretching back nearly 100 years. It was a Willys/Overland Jeep dealership in the 1920s. In 1929, it was the site of Heustis Motor Sales, selling Oldsmobiles. In 1930, Meacham Body Co. used the building to manufacture auto bodies.

Through much of the Depression in the 1930s, the building was the home to Wm. L. Olds Autos, which sold Hudson and Terra Plane model cars. In 1940, the building was occupied by Chester Gold Auto Repair, and then taken over by Martin N. Boomstra Auto Repair in 1945.

In 1947, Fred Crowhurst ran a cream station there, later selling wholesale poultry and eggs. Industrial Equipment and Supply Co. took over the building from 1954-62. Peoples' Plumbing Supply used it from 1964-69, and the building was vacant after 1970.

Seckelmann has converted the building into a wedding and events venue. He is a three-time Preservation Award winner, having won for the Edward Stewart building in 2010, and the Austin building in 2016.

■ Pipestone Indoor Country Club, 259 Territorial Road

The building was rehabilitated by Shane Franks and GreenSpan Construction. Adam and Dustin Lester converted it into its current use, offering indoor golf simulators, a putting green and conference rooms.

The building was originally Veit Auto Parts in 1947, run by Charles and Anna Veit, and taken over by their son Harold J. Veit until 1966.

From the mid-1990s until 2005, the building was occupied by Kimball Products, which rented utility vehicles.

■ A private home at 873 Territorial Road.

Ben Neidlinger rehabilitated the house in 2019. It was built in the early 1920s and occupied for the next 35 years by Nathan and Martha Dodson.

Nathan was a World War I veteran and a perennial, but unsuccessful, Socialist candidate for local offices in Benton Harbor. Their son, Vernon, went on to be an instructor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan.

Later residents of the home included Andrew and Ole Guidry, J.C. and Lillian Fowler, Robert and Cherry Anderson, Jesse and Ula Moore, Celestine Parker and Hamlett Stockstell.

The home was vacant from 1990 until Neidlinger restored it.

Help needed

The committee chose three buildings that are currently empty and endangered of being lost:

■ Dr. Robert Regan Medical Clinic building, aka the Anthony Medical building, 925 Pipestone Ave.

Built in 1955, the clinic was designed by the renowned architectural firm of Keck and Keck. These brothers made their mark by designing "The House of Tomorrow" and the "Crystal House" at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. They were associated with the famed Bauhaus School of Architecture.

Keck and Keck designed hundreds of buildings and houses in the Midwest from 1935-79.

The building was occupied by medical offices until the late 1990s. In the early 2000s, it was the site of the Kids' Place Day Care.

■ Roxy's Drive-In, 287 E. Main St.

The restaurant was at this site from 1965-2001. The committee feels it's important for any future restoration to retain the original elements of the drive-in design, according to the release.

■ Voice of Music (V-M Corp.) building, 353 W. Main St.

V-M Corp. manufactured record players and other audio equipment from 1952-77. The latest use of the building was as the Iron Gate, a home decor store.

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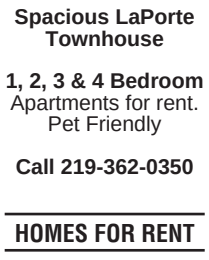

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LEGALS

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The Hagar Township Planning Commission has moved its regular November meeting to Wednesday, November 4th, due to the Election. The November 4th meeting will begin at 7pm at the Hagar Township Hall, located at 3900 Riverside Rd, Benton Harbor, MI.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY DIVISION

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION ON HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY DIVISION

TO:
LAWRENCE PRYOR
Child's Name:
ALEISTER PRYOR
Case No.: 18-52389-NA-103514702
Hearing: NOVEMBER 25, 2020 AT 2:00P.M.
Judge GARDNER, 9th FLOOR, COURTROOM 9-B
Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this hearing may be conducted via Zoom. Please contact renee.marzean@kentcountymi.gov to participate remotely.

An initial and/or supplemental child protective petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition, **including petition to terminate your parental rights** will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in the **17th Judicial Circuit Court, Family Division, Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan**. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that you personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above and exercise your right to participate in the proceedings.

THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Dated:
October 21, 2020

DEBORAH L. MCNABB
CIRCUIT COURT
JUDGE

Request for Proposals

Joint Board Attorney

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant (Joint Plant) is seeking proposals to provide legal services relating to the operation and management of the facility and organization and serve as Joint Board Attorney. Governance of the Joint Plant is vested in the Joint Board of Commissioners. The Joint Plant serves a population of about 58,000 in its service area. The Joint Plant provides wastewater treatment services to the Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Benton Township and the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority. All proposals are due on or before November 4, 2020. If interested in responding to this Request for Proposal (RFP), contact Timothy Lynch, Plant Manager at tlynch@qtm.net or 269-983-7719.

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Deadline for application is Nov 13. EOE

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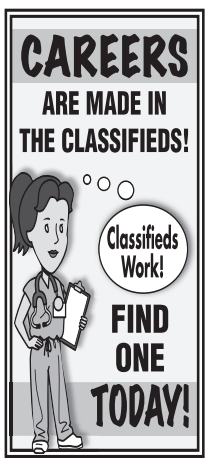

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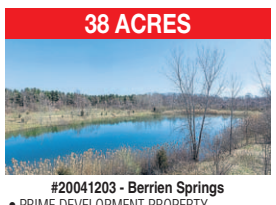

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
LAKESHORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of Lakeshore Public Schools in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held at the precincts listed below on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** to elect three (3) School Board Members for a six (6) year term and one (1) School Board Member for a partial term ending December 31, 2022.

Baroda Township:
Pct. 1 Baroda American Legion Post 345, 9214 First St. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Lake Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 3220 Shawnee Rd. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Lincoln Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Municipal Bldg, 2055 W. John Beers Rd
Pct. 2 Lakeshore Christian Church, 5565 Washington Ave.
Pct. 3 American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Rd.
Pct. 4 Fire Station, 2130 W. John Beers Rd. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 5 The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Oronoko Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4583 E. Snow Rd. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Royalton Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 980 Miners Rd. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 2 Fire Station, 911 E. John Beers Rd. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
St. Joseph Charter Township:
Pct. 2 St. Joseph Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1201 Maiden Lane (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 3 Twp. Hall, 3000 Washington Ave. (Lakeshore Public Schools Voters Only)

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their Township Clerk.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the clerk of the jurisdiction where you reside.
SHARON TYLER, BERRIEN COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE OF ELECTION
ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of St. Joseph Public Schools in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

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St. Joseph City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 700 Broad St. (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 2 Howard Ice Arena, 2414 Willa Dr.
Pct. 3 Zion Evangelical Church, 3001 Veronica St.
Lincoln Charter Township:
Pct. 5 The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
Royalton Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 980 Miners Rd. (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 2 Fire Station, 911 E. John Beers Rd. (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
St. Joseph Charter Township:
Pct. 2 St. Joseph Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1201 Maiden Lane (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
Pct. 3 Twp. Hall, 3000 Washington Ave. (St. Joseph Public Schools Voters Only)
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
BERRIEN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELECTION
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of Berrien Springs Public Schools in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held the at the precincts listed below on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** to elect three (3) School Board Members for a six (6) year term and one (1) School Board Member for a partial term ending December 31, 2022.

Berrien Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 8916 M-140
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 8916 M-140
(Berrien Springs Schools Voters Only)

Oronoko Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4583 E. Snow Rd.
Pct. 2 Library, 215 W. Union St.
Pct. 3 Ber. Co. Fairgrounds-Youth Memorial Bldg., 9122 Old US 31
(Berrien Springs Schools Voters Only)

Royalton Township:
Pct. 2 Fire Station, 911 E. John Beers Rd.
(Berrien Springs Schools Voters Only)

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
RIVER SCHOOL -
SODUS TOWNSHIP No. 5
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of River School - Sodus No. 5 in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held at the precinct listed below on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** to elect one (1) School Board Member for a four (4) year term.

Sodus Township: Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4056 King Dr. (River School – Sodus Township No.5 Voters Only)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the School District No. 5, Sodus Township (River School) will be voting on the following Millage proposal as presented below:

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, SODUS TOWNSHIP (RIVER SCHOOL)
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
STATE OF MICHIGAN
NON-HOMESTEAD OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of School District No. 5, Sodus Township (River School), 4439 River Road, Sodus, Michigan 49126-9779, telephone (269) 925 6757.

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020
IN HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY

To the Qualified Electors of Hartford Township NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held at:

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP HALL
County of Van Buren, State of Michigan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

PRESIDENTIAL President and Vice President of the United States

STATE United States Senator

CONGRESSIONAL Representative in Congress 6th District

LEGISLATIVE Representative in State Legislature 66th District

STATE BOARDS State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regents, Michigan State University Trustees, Wayne State University Governors

COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor, County Commissioner 4th District

JUDICIAL Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of Court of Appeals – 3rd District – Incumbent Position
Judge of Court of Appeals – 3rd District – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 1/01/2023
Judge of Circuit Court – 36th Circuit – Incumbent Position
Judge of District Court – 7th District – Incumbent Position

TOWNSHIP Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, 2 Trustees

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Board Member – Hartford Public Schools (2)

Board Member – Watervliet Public Schools (3)

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

STATE PROPOSAL 20-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state-owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent.

STATE PROPOSAL 20-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications.

FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Hartford Township Clerk's office, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057, telephone 269/621-4658 ext 3. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

The Township Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2020, for the deadline for requesting an absent voter ballot by mail. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 8:00 AM until 4 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2020 for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee voter ballots. Electors may vote by absentee ballot in person in the Clerk's office up to 4:00 PM, on Monday, November 2, 2020.

To comply with the Help America, Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Julie Sweet
Hartford Township Clerk
269-621-4658 ext 3
hartfordtownshipclerk@gmail.com

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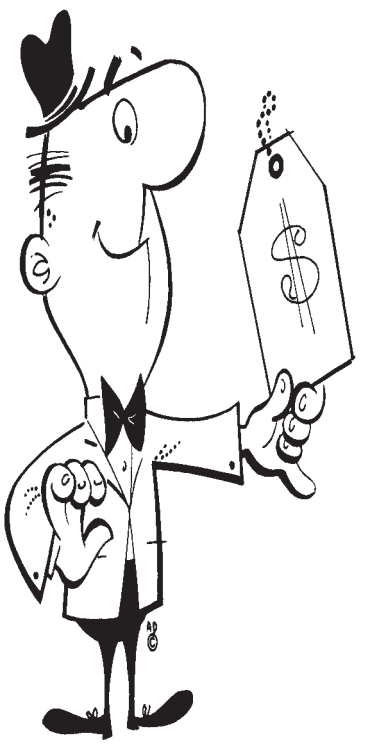

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
BENTON HARBOR AREA
SCHOOLS ELECTION
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of Benton Harbor Area Schools in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held at the precincts listed below on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020** to elect four (4) School Board Members for a four (4) year term and one (1) School Board Member for a partial term ending December 31, 2022.

Benton Harbor City:
Pct. 1 Benton Harbor High School, 870 Colfax Ave.
Pct. 2 Benton Harbor Library, 213 East Wall St.
Pct .3 Benton Harbor High School, 870 Colfax Ave.
Pct. 4 BH Housing Commission / Virginia Edward Community Center, 721 Nate Wells Sr. Dr.
St. Joseph City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 700 Broad St. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
Bainbridge Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 7315 Territorial Rd. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
Benton Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd. (Bldg. B) (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd. (Bldg. B)
Pct. 3 Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr.
Pct. 4 Twp. Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd. (Bldg. B)
Pct. 5 Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr.
Pct. 6 Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr.
Hagar Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
Pipestone Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 7185 Elm St. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
St. Joseph Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Township Public Safety Complex, 1750 Colfax Ave. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)
Sodus Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4056 King Dr. (Benton Harbor Area School Voters Only)

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their City or Township Clerk.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the clerk of the jurisdiction where you reside.
SHARON TYLER, BERRIEN COUNTY

NOTICE OF ELECTION
LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To the qualified electors of the Cities and Townships in the Lake Michigan College School District, Counties of Allegan, Berrien and Van Buren, State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the **GENERAL ELECTION** will be held in the following precincts on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**, for the purpose of electing three (3) board trustees to six-year (6) terms.

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their City or Township Clerk.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Clerk of the jurisdiction in which you reside.

The election will be held at the places in said cities and townships from 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. as indicated below, viz:

BERRIEN COUNTY:
Benton Harbor City:
Pct. 1 Benton Harbor High School, 870 Colfax Ave., Benton Harbor
Pct. 2 Benton Harbor Library, 213 East Wall St., Benton Harbor
Pct. 3 Benton Harbor High School, 870 Colfax Ave., Benton Harbor
Pct. 4 BH Housing Commission / Virginia Edward Community Center, 721 Nate Wells Sr. Dr., Benton Harbor
Bridgman City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 9765 Maple St., Bridgman
Buchanan City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Tr., Buchanan
Pct. 2 Redbud City Center, 131 S. Oak St., Buchanan
Coloma City:
Pct. 1 Public Library, 151 W. Center St., Coloma
New Buffalo City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo
Niles City:
Pct. 1 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1340 Sycamore St., Niles
Pct. 2 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1340 Sycamore St., Niles
Pct. 3 Niles Fire Station, 1345 E. Main, Niles
Pct. 4 FOP Lodge 95, 531 N. State St., Niles
St. Joseph City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 700 Broad St, St. Joseph
Pct. 2 Howard Ice Arena, 2414 Willa Dr., St. Joseph
Pct. 3 Zion Evangelical Church, 3001 Veronica St., St. Joseph
Watervliet City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 158 W. Pleasant St., Watervliet
Bainbridge Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 7315 Territorial Rd., Watervliet
Baroda Township:
Pct. 1 Baroda American Legion Post 345, 9214 First St., Baroda
Benton Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd. (Bldg. B), Benton Harbor
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd. (Bldg. B), Benton Harbor
Pct. 3 Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr., Benton Harbor
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Pct. 6 Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr., Benton Harbor
Berrien Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 8916 M-140, Berrien Center
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 8916 M-140, Berrien Center
Bertrand Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 3835 Buffalo Rd., Buchanan
Buchanan Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 15235 N. Main St., Buchanan
Chikaming Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Center, 13535 Red Arrow Hwy., Harbert
Coloma Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Rd., Coloma
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Rd., Coloma
Galien Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 305 Kiley Dr., Galien
Hagar Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd., Riverside
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd., Riverside
Lake Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 3220 Shawnee Rd., Bridgman
Lincoln Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Municipal Bldg, 2055 W. John Beers Rd, Stevensville
Pct. 2 Lakeshore Christian Church, 5565 Washington Ave., St. Joseph
Pct. 3 American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Rd., Stevensville
Pct. 4 Fire Station, 2130 W. John Beers Rd., Stevensville
Pct. 5 The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph
Pct. 6 Berrien County Baptist Church, 5940 St. Joseph Ave., St. Joseph
New Buffalo Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 17425 Red Arrow Hwy. New Buffalo
Niles Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Fairland Church, 1811 River Bluff Rd., Niles
Pct. 2 Police Complex, 1600 Silverbrook Ave., Niles
Pct. 3 Twp. Public Works Dept., 322 Bell Rd., Niles
Pct. 4 Community Evangelical Church, 120 E. Bertrand Rd., Niles
Pct. 5 Bend of the River Conservation Club, 900 Mayflower Rd., Niles
Oronoko Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4583 E. Snow Rd., Berrien Springs
Pct. 2 Library, 215 W. Union St., Berrien Springs
Pct. 3 Berrien Co. Fairgrounds-Youth Memorial Bldg., 9122 Old US 31, Berrien Springs
Pipestone Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 7185 Elm St., Eau Claire
Royalton Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 980 Miners Rd., St. Joseph
Pct. 2 Fire Station, 911 E. John Beers Rd., St. Joseph
St. Joseph Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Township Public Safety Complex, 1750 Colfax Ave., Benton Harbor
Pct. 2 St. Joseph Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1201 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph
Pct. 3 Twp. Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph
Pct. 4 Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph
Sodus Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4056 King Dr., Sodus
Three Oaks Township:
Pct. 1 Fire Station, 10 E. Linden St., Three Oaks
Watervliet Charter Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 4959 M-140, Watervliet
Weesaw Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 13518 State St., New Troy

ALLEGAN COUNTY:
Casco Township:
Pct. 1 Corner of 71st & 107th Streets, South Haven (LMC Voters Only)

VAN BUREN COUNTY:
Covert Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 73943 Lake St., Covert (LMC Voters Only)
Geneva Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 62127 CR380, Bangor (LMC Voters Only)
South Haven City:
Pct. 1 City Hall, 539 Phoenix St., South Haven (LMC Voters Only)
South Haven Township:
Pct. 1 Twp. Hall, 9761 Blue Star Hwy., South Haven (LMC Voters Only)
Pct. 2 Twp. Hall, 9761 Blue Star Hwy., South Haven (LMC Voters Only)

SHARON TYLER, BERRIEN COUNTY CLERK

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers D4

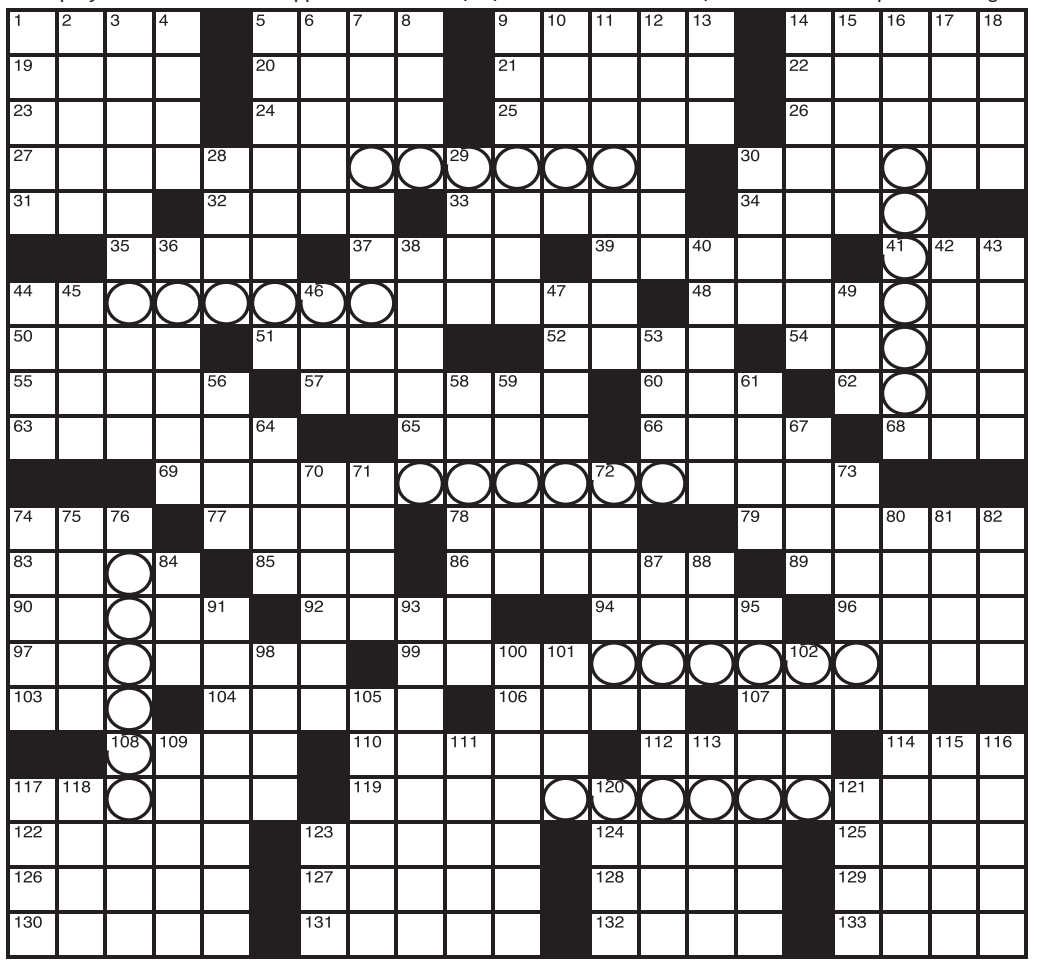
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"A SERIES OF MISSTEPS"
By ALAN OLSCHWANG

ACROSS
1 South American rodent
5 "Little Man __": 1991 Foster film
9 Minor cuts
14 Blot with a tissue
19 God with a quiver
20 Times often named for music genres
21 Refined, as skills
22 Seed-to-be
23 One
24 It's rarely paid to a car dealer
25 Big game name
26 Richest person in the world before Bezos
27 Many an investment
30 Treats with malice
31 Sr.-supporting component
32 Encl. with postage
33 i-opening company?
34 Revolutionary War name
35 Cambodian cash
37 Flag
39 Slothful sort
41 Some colas
44 MTV Video Music Award category
48 Invited to the penthouse
50 Loss nos., perhaps
51 British Isles tongue
52 Pride letters
54 Skyline feature
55 Store
57 Rice, e.g.
60 Sushi serving
62 K2 locale
63 "Wanna bet?"
65 Southernmost of the Marianas
66 Goddess of marriage and family
68 LBJ beagle
69 Where many scenes are presented
74 Cornfield call
77 Up start or follower
78 For fear that
79 Apply forcefully, as the brakes
83 Subway fare?
85 West Coast pro
86 Newspaper supplement, maybe
89 Fern seed
90 First of 12
92 Zap
94 Cab category
96 Corporate honcho
97 Meat-curing compound
99 Used one's clout
103 Summer wear
104 69-Across presentation
106 Simplify
107 Family reunion attendee
108 Arcade game word
110 Preferred group on the field
112 Do a rest stop machine's job
114 You, in Germany
117 Dark-colored cigar
119 Freegan's activity
122 Cell terminal
123 Anaheim athletes, in local sportscasts
124 Banned orchard spray
125 Kendrick of "Pitch Perfect" films
126 "Holy moly!"
127 Big name in violins
128 It can smell
129 Announced
130 Undo, in a way
131 It's about 30 kilometers from Düsseldorf
132 Exude
133 Relationships

DOWN
1 "Goodfellas" Oscar winner
2 Loudly cheering
3 Formal outfit accessory
4 "Just __ ... "
5 Fudge, perhaps
6 La Scala solos
7 Pepsi Challenge feature
8 Uruguay's Punta del __
9 Chinese dog breed
10 Waiter's disappointment
11 Like many an injured arm
12 Brewed
13 Star Wars initials
14 Places to walk with best friends?
15 Be of use to
16 It's often passed at family meals
17 On the protected side
18 Melanie's "Working Girl" role
28 Secondhand
29 Quick movement
30 "__ the One": 1996 Aniston/Diaz movie
36 "We're good to go"
38 Long cold spell
40 Tizzy
42 First female Nobelist
43 Asparagus unit
44 Kiss, in Cancún
45 Bk. before Job
46 Monopoly props.
47 The Rebels of the SEC, familiarly
49 Eco-conscious org.
53 Thai dough
56 Expressions of skepticism
58 Regular hangout
59 Encumbered
61 __ West, wife of DC Comics' Flash
64 One who gets what's coming
67 They may be torn on the field: Abbr.
70 Augusta National shrub
71 Musical motif, to Verdi
72 Firewood units
73 Finishes up on the green
74 Stands sound
75 Eagle's home
76 Records
80 Biblical peak
81 Not a dup.
82 Takes in and keeps
84 Poetic contraction
87 Improve, as an urban area
88 NFL "sixes"
91 Determined by the stars, as time
93 Pancake-making aids
95 Brother of Peter, briefly
98 Early smartphone
100 Doesn't bother to check the water first
101 Hightails it
102 Fashion's Gernreich
105 Chair titles
109 Invasive vine
111 Ham it up
113 Rub off
115 Anatomical button type
116 "Yipes!"
117 Uxmal denizen
118 Auth. unknown
120 Summer shades
121 Grand Canyon adjective
123 "Scots Wha __": patriotic song



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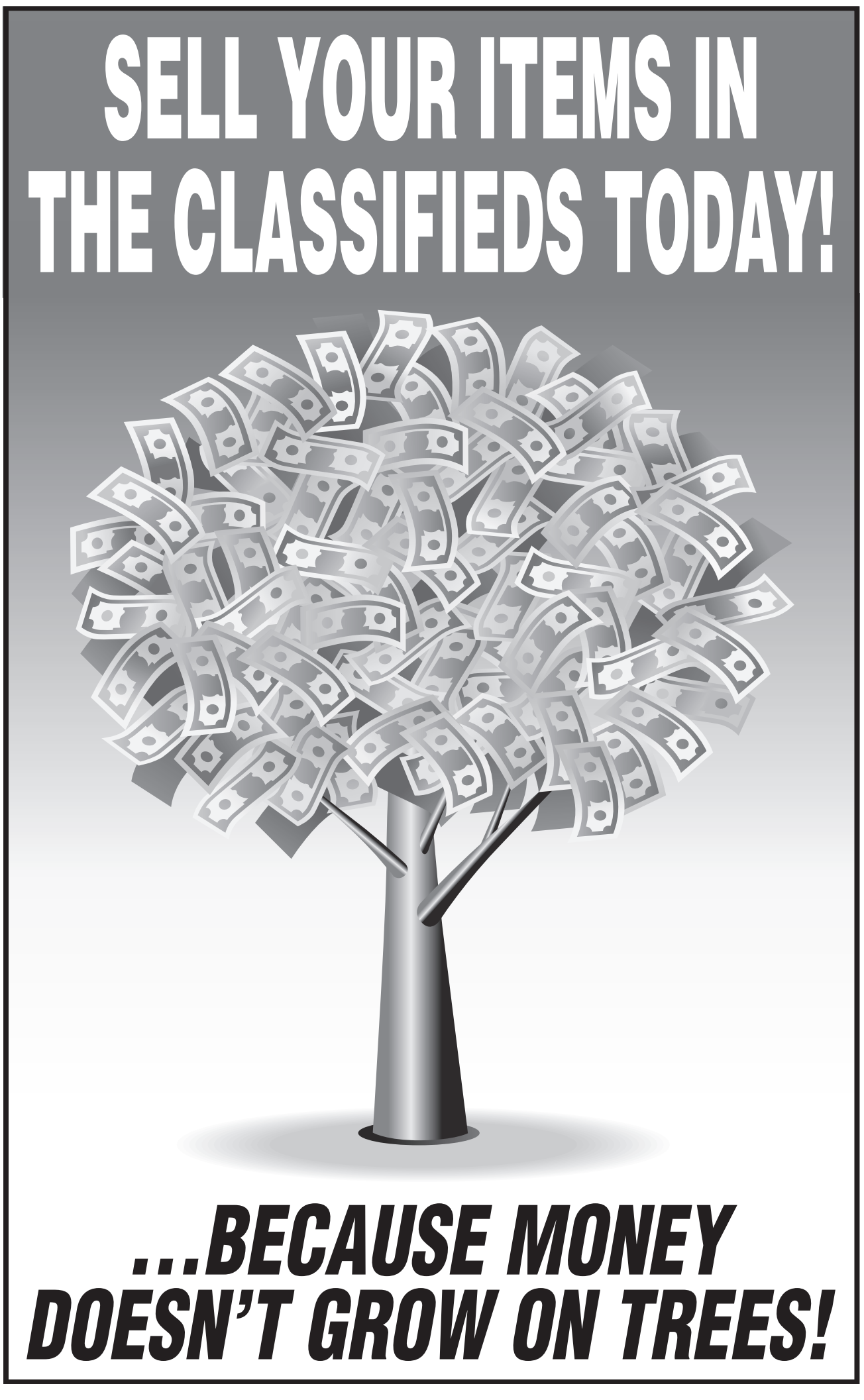

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Look at the pros and cons of every situation you face this year. Refuse to let your emotions lead the way. Balance, integrity and creativity will encourage better relationships, positive experiences and a future built on trust, hard work and cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't start something you cannot finish. Emotional issues will surface if you disagree with someone close to you. Bringing up the past will fuel the fire. Act in kindness, not out of malice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Observe much, but reveal little. Spend time fixing up your surroundings. Don't worry about what others do or think. Follow the path that makes the most sense to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may disagree with the people you live with or near, but it's best to listen so can reach a workable compromise. Finding a solution will put you in control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Organize your finances and set a budget. When asked to participate in something that doesn't interest you, opt to do your own thing. Find a way to ease stress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for a unique way to let someone know how much you care. A kind, simple gesture and some quality time spent together will suffice. Love is on the rise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put your energy where it counts. Do something to help your community. Utilize your knowledge and skills to improve your relationships and surroundings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Let go of whatever isn't working for you and move on to new beginnings. A sensitive issue is best left alone for the time being. Keep your opinions to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep the ball moving. Don't rely on the information someone offers. Verify every word before you get involved in something risky. Avoid manipulative people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A change will prove useful. Making adjustments to your surroundings or lifestyle will turn out better than anticipated. A joint venture will make you nervous, but the results will be worthwhile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Physical activities that require thought, agility and strength will motivate you to take on something you've been reluctant to do in the past. It's time to walk away from what you cannot change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll thrive on change. Use your intelligence, and be ready to jump at any opportunity that comes your way. Don't let anyone stand in your way or disrupt your plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make affordable plans. If you overstep your budget or make promises you cannot keep, you'll have to backtrack. Be willing to put in the time and work required to finish what you start.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

You are overdue for a change. Let your imagination wander to discover something lifechanging. Let go of the past and take care of your responsibilities. You can educate and enlighten yourself if you put your mind to it. You have a lot of potential, and it's time to start making things happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change will help you thrive. Look beyond the clutter in your life. Take heed of someone's advice, but adjust it to fit your current situation. Clear up emotional baggage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stick to what's most familiar, and you will avoid a confusing situation. Making your residence more comfortable will help you feel less stressed about the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Consider your financial options and how best to bring in extra cash. Update your skills, apply for a license or pick up supplies that will encourage you to start a small but lucrative sideline.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Aim to do whatever it takes to lower your stress. Don't spend unnecessarily or make promises you can't keep. You're better off keeping your thoughts to yourself and refusing to give in to temptation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for ways to bring about changes that will improve your life. If you are straightforward with others regarding your intentions, the input you receive will help you reach your goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't put pressure on yourself or anyone else. Work alone to get things done. Make sure your expectations are reasonable. A change of attitude will improve a meaningful relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take control. Don't wait for someone to make the first move. Initiate plans with a loved one. A personal change will encourage you to cut your overhead and share your expenses to reach a common goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will misuse information you share. Protect your reputation and position at all costs. Your ability to come up with great ideas and solutions will help you gain respect.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to an old friend or touch base with a relative. The information you pick up will help shape your life. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't make an unnecessary move. Being impulsive will set you back. Keep the peace in order to bypass a no-win situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Forge ahead. It's time to put your experience, knowledge and skills to work. A lifestyle change will encourage you to spend more time doing the things you enjoy most with a loved one. Embrace the unknown with enthusiasm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep your life simple, your temper under control and your focus on your objective. Refuse to let someone interfere with your plans or dominate your life. Follow your heart and dreams.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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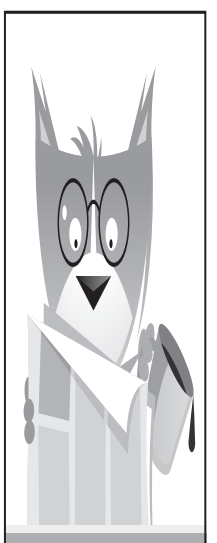

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MAGMA RED, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, 20 INCH DARK ALLOY WHEELS, REMOTE START, NAVIGATION, LOCKING REAR AXLE, AND MUCH MORE! F20132

LEASE FOR $259 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,600 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$61,155
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,413
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 2,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $53,992

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

AGATE BLACK METALLIC, DUNE ACTIVEX SEAT MATERIAL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, NAVIGATION, HANDS FREE LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, WIRELESS CHARGING PAD, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, AND MUCH MORE! F20322

LEASE FOR $279 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,000 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL & FORD EDGE TO EDGE RCL LEASE RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$26,150
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,355
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 3,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $20,795

2020 FORD ESCAPE SE ALL WHEEL DRIVE

DARK PERSIAN GREEN METALLIC, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, KEYLESS KEYPAD, FORD CO-PILOT 360, 1.5 ECOBOOST ENGINE, AND MUCH MORE! F20302

LEASE FOR $199 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,450 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD TRADE IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$50,905
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,910
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,750
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $45,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD ECOSPORT 4X4 SE

SHADOW BLACK, ALUMINUM WHEELS, REMOTE START, FOG LAMPS, POWER MOONROOF, POWER SEAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! F20128

2020 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD

STAR WHITE METALLIC TRI-COAT, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, 3.0 ECOBOOST V6 ENGINE, 20 INCH BRIGHT MACHINE FACE ALUMINUM WHEELS, 14 SPEAKERS, 10 INCH TOUCH SCREEN, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, FIRST AND 2ND ROW HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, POWERFOLD THIRD SEAT, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, NAVIGATION, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20040

2020 FORD FUSION SE

AGATE BLACK, FORD CO-PILOT 360 ASSIST, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, TOUCH SCREEN, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, VOICE ACTIVATED NAVIGATION, AND MUCH MORE! F20139

2020 FORD TRANSIT XLT 350 15 PASSENGER VAN

INGOT SILVER METALLIC, PRIVACY GLASS, STAINLESS STEEL WHEEL LINERS, LONG ARM POWER HEATED MIRRORS, REAR VIEW CAMERA, FORD CO-PILOT 360, BLIND SPOT MONITORING WITH CROSS TRAFFIC ALERT, LANE KEEPING SYSTEM, EXTENDED LENGTH RUNNING BOARDS, AND MUCH MORE! F20298

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2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

DELMONICO RED, 5.7 HEMI V8, ANTI SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20129

LEASE FOR $249/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,525 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR FCA OWNER LOYALTY LEASE CASH AND LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$44,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,230
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
TARGETED HD CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RAM ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPONS	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$38,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $37,995

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20120

LEASE FOR $229/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,600 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$55,175
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	2,180
REBATE	- 2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
GRATE LAKES TARGETED SUV CONQUEST TRADE-IN CASH	- 1,500
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$47,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH	- 500

AS LOW AS $46,245

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM PROMASTER 1500 HIGH ROOF DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, INTERIOR CONVENIENCE GROUP, POWER FOLDING/HEATED MIRRORS, SPEED CONTROL, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C20070

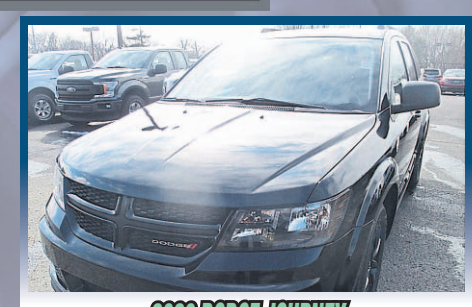
LEASE FOR $249/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,525 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR FCA OWNER LOYALTY LEASE CASH AND LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$36,670
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 2,925
REBATE	- 1,000
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
COMMERCIAL TRUCK SEASON BONUS CASH*	- 500
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$29,495
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $28,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)



2020 DODGE JOURNEY

PITCH BLACK, BLACK TOP PACKAGE, BLACK WHEELS, 3-ZONE TEMP CONTROL, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 7-PASSENGER SEATING, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20134

LEASE FOR $199/MO*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,450 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH AND LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 10/31/20

MSRP	$27,230
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 500
REBATE	- 2,250
CONQUEST TRADE-IN BONUS CASH*	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FORE EVERYONE	$20,980
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $19,980

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4

BLACK, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, HEAVY DUTY SNOW PLOW PREP PACKAGE, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER, TOUCH SCREEN AND MUCH MORE! C20140

MSRP	$44,725
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,230
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500
TARGETED HD CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
RAM ENGINE BONUS CASH	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPONS	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$38,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $37,995

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND 4X4

IVORY 3-COAT PAINT, 19 SPEAKER HIGH PERFORMANCE AUDIO, NAVIGATION, LANE DEPARTURE WARNING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED SEATS, DUAL PANE PANORAMIC ROOF, AND MUCH MORE! C20292

MSRP	$55,175
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	2,180
REBATE	- 2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
GRATE LAKES TARGETED SUV CONQUEST TRADE-IN CASH	- 1,500
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$47,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH	- 500

AS LOW AS $46,245

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 JEEP RENEGADE SPORT 4X4

BRILLIANT BLUE METALLIC, JEEPSTER PACKAGE, 19 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, A/C AUTO TEMP CONTROL, AND MUCH MORE! C20224

MSRP	$27,265
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 770
REBATE	- 3,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$22,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $21,245

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

2020 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4

IVORY WHITE TRI-COAT PEARL, 5.7 HEMI V-8 E-TORQUE ENGINE, 20 INCH PREMIUM WHEELS, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, WHEEL TO WHEEL SIDE STEPS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PARKSENSE FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20270

MSRP	$56,455
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,960
REBATE	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,500
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
REGIONAL BONUS CASH	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$47,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $46,495

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2016 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 FFV Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 88K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart System, Car Smart Checked! Caribou F20371A

NOW $29,982

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20131A

Was $24,500 NOW $22,338

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

Was $31,951 NOW $30,866

2015 CHEVY IMPALA LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 144K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue C20218A

NOW $12,920

2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

Was $31,749 NOW $30,956

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

NOW $31,228

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

Was $32,729 NOW $31,383

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Black Shadow U20117

Was $18,899 NOW $16,530

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

NOW $33,520

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $23,998

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

Was $22,555 NOW $21,899

2013 NISSAN JUKE SL AWD

1.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20209B

Was $11,373 NOW $9,694

2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

NOW $54,990

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

Was $40,966 NOW $39,796

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

Was $26,182 NOW $23,590

2014 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black F19385B

Now $31,499

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, C20261A

NOW $39,872

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue, F20285A

Was $23,810 NOW $21,467

2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20165

Was $21,851 NOW $19,992

2014 CHEVY CRUZE LTZ RS

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 104K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C19234B

NOW $9,953

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20178

NOW $32,380

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC, Power Leather Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20163

Was $19,996 NOW $18,393

2015 CHEVY MALIBU LTZ TURBO

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 75K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White, C20041A

Was $14,654 NOW $13,891

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, U20183

NOW $22,228

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Chrome Step Bars, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans F20370A

NOW $35,075

2017 FORD F-550 XL SUPER DUTY 4X4

6.7 V8 DIESEL Power Stroke EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Less Than 6K Miles! Flatbed with Hoist! Running Boards, Snow Plow Package, SYNC, CD-Player, Vinyl Floor Covering, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20184

NOW $49,912

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

Was $20,500 NOW $19,995

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20186

NOW $34,618

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 49K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner Mat, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20376A

Was $34,980

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Mode, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20138

Was $39,595 Now $37,421

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

Was $20,995 NOW $20,495

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

NOW $33,995

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20187

NOW $22,203

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Sport Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20155

Was $21,719 NOW $18,857

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluginum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Smoked Quartz, U20147

Was $30,989 NOW $29,518

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 34K Wheels, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20172

Was $20,884 NOW $18,999

2013 TOYOTA PRIUS C HYBRID HATCHBACK

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Styled Wheel Covers, 107K Miles, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue

NOW $9,994

2019 MAZDA 3 PREFERRED HATCHBACK AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Only 6K Miles! Preferred Package, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Pre-Owned Certified! Machine Gray S20016

WAS $23,500 NOW $22,995

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $20,338

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

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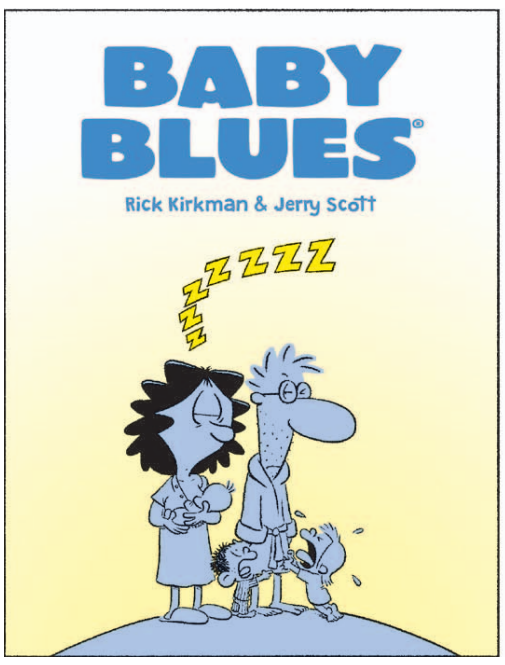

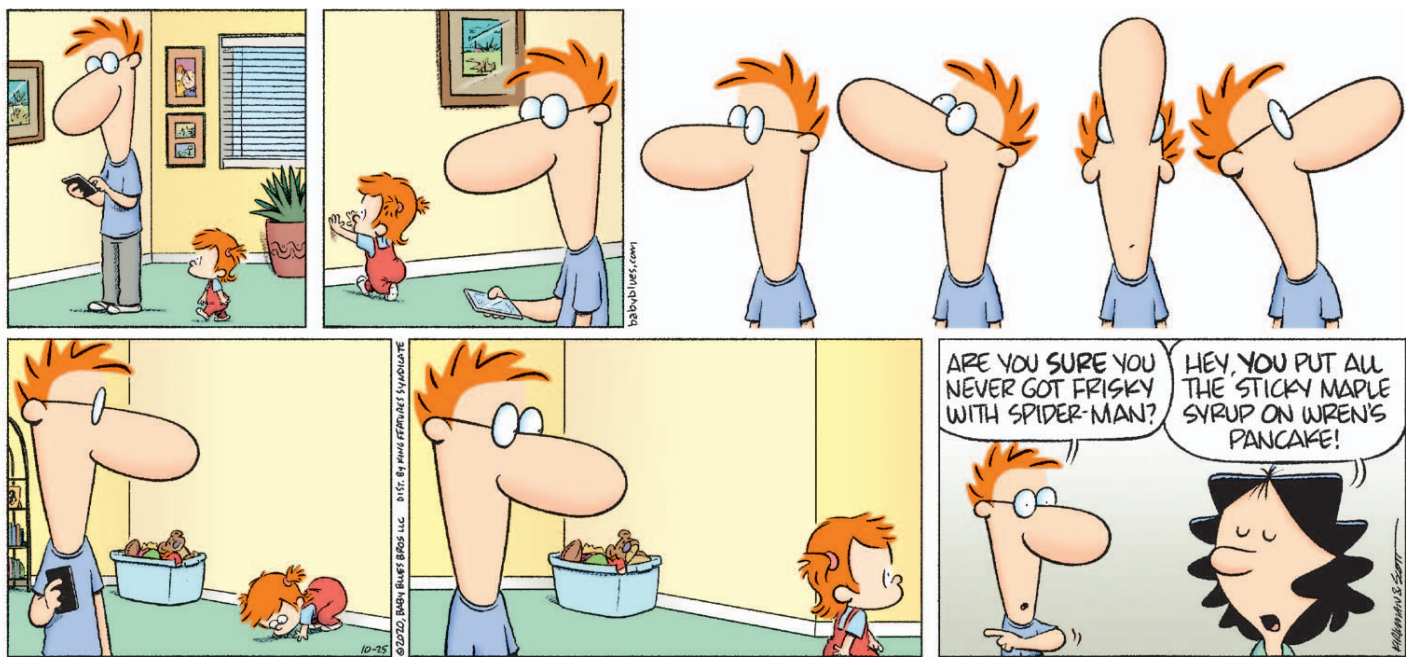

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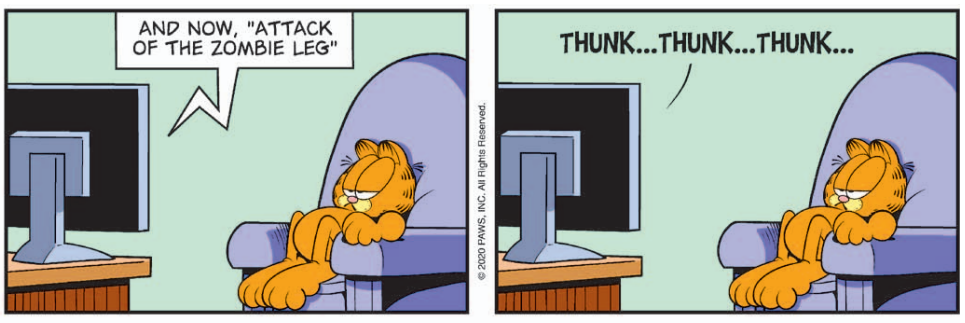

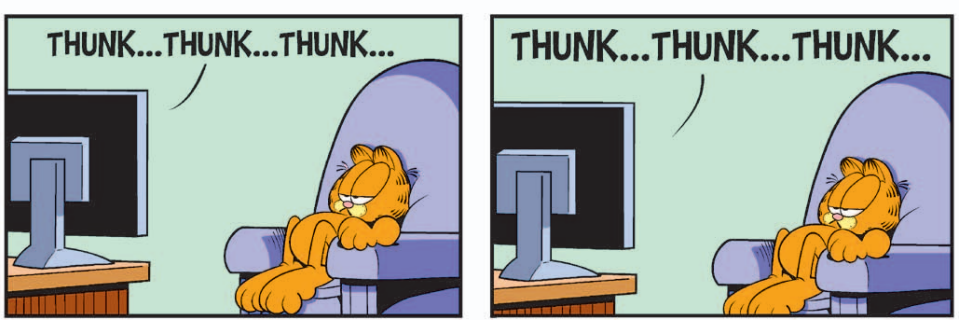

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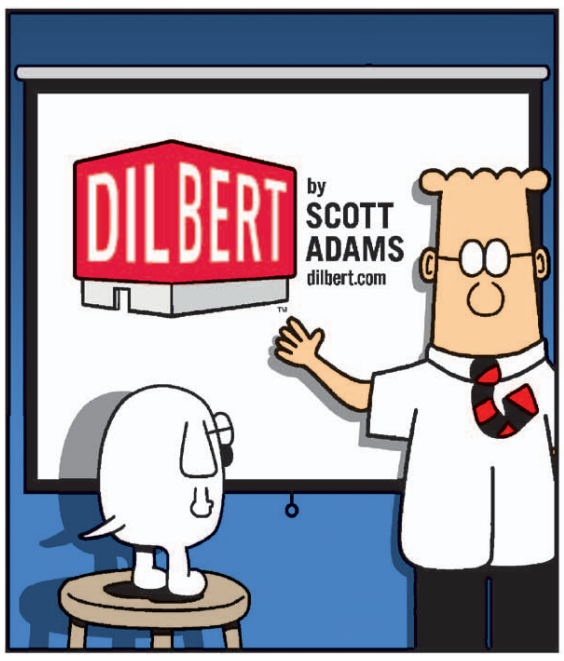

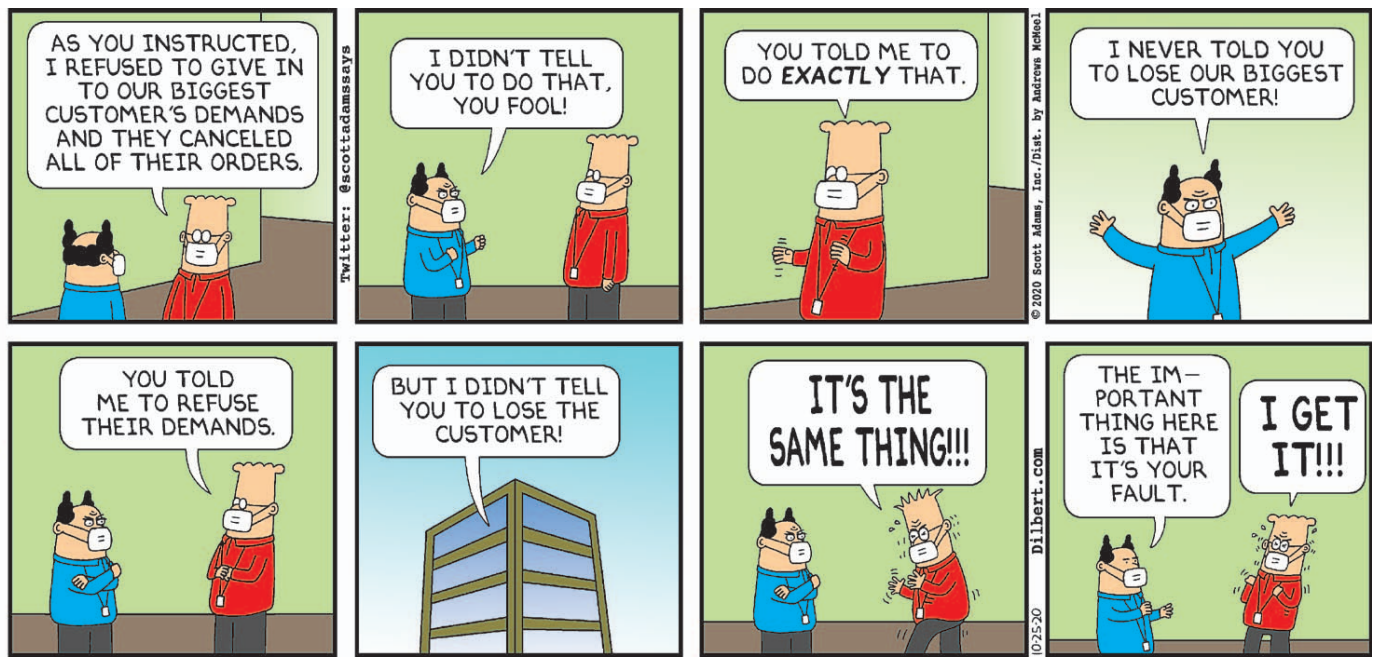
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I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO DO THAT, YOU FOOL!
YOU TOLD ME TO DO EXACTLY THAT.
I NEVER TOLD YOU TO LOSE OUR BIGGEST CUSTOMER!
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YOU TOLD ME TO REFUSE THEIR DEMANDS.
BUT I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO LOSE THE CUSTOMER!
IT'S THE SAME THING!!!
THE IM-PORTANT THING HERE IS THAT IT'S YOUR FAULT.
I GET IT!!!
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Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
TWO HANDFOOLS

THANKS FOR LETTING DENNIS PLAY IN YOUR YARD ALL THE TIME.
I HOPE HE'S NOT A PROBLEM.
NO! WE'VE GROWN VERY CLOSE TO DENNIS OVER THE YEARS!
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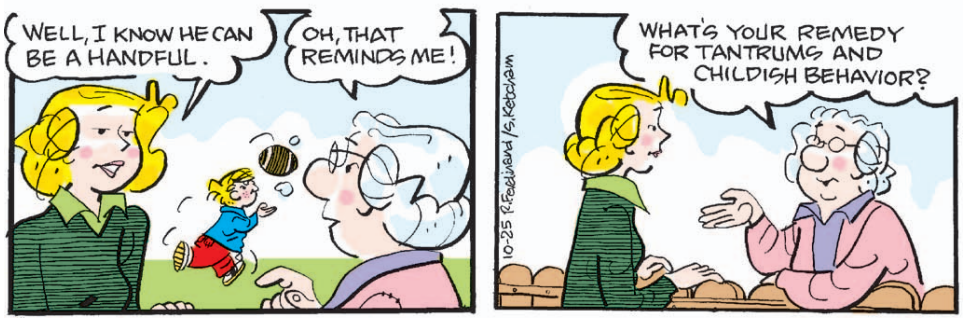
WELL, I KNOW HE CAN BE A HANDFUL.
OH, THAT REMINDS ME!
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WHAT'S YOUR REMEDY FOR TANTRUMS AND CHILDISH BEHAVIOR?
I USUALLY SIT HIM IN THE CORNER FACING THE WALL.
I'VE ACTUALLY TRIED THAT... AND NOW...
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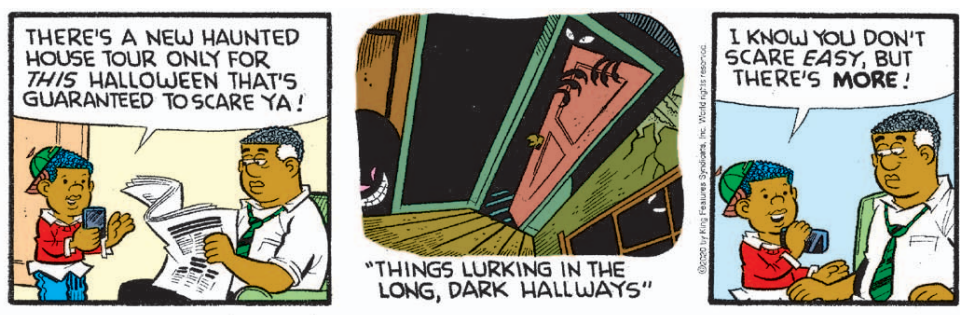
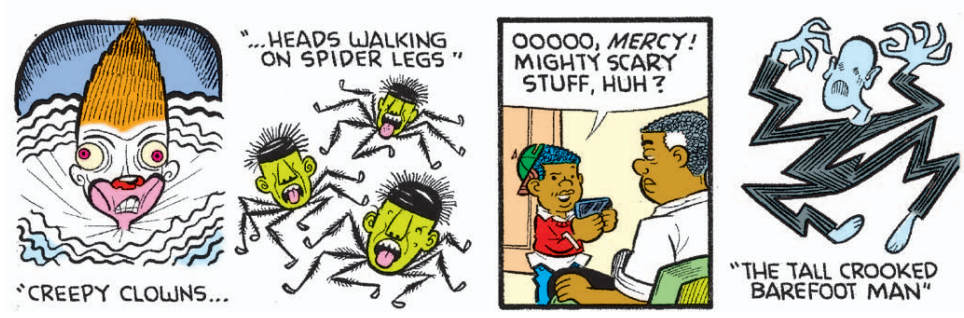

THERE'S A NEW HAUNTED HOUSE TOUR ONLY FOR THIS HALLOWEEN THAT'S GUARANTEED TO SCARE YA!
"THINGS LURKING IN THE LONG, DARK HALLWAYS"
I KNOW YOU DON'T SCARE EASY, BUT THERE'S MORE!


"...HEADS WALKING ON SPIDER LEGS"
"CREEPY CLOWNS...
OOOOO, MERCY! MIGHTY SCARY STUFF, HUH?
"THE TALL CROOKED BAREFOOT MAN"
THERE'S EVEN MORE! WICKED WITCHES, TOOTHLESS ZOMBIES AND WEREWOLF BABIES!
THE THING THAT SCARED HIM WAS THE PRICE OF ADMISSION
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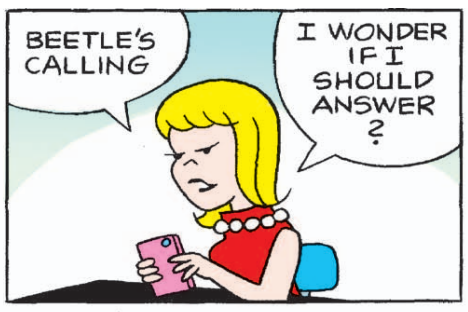

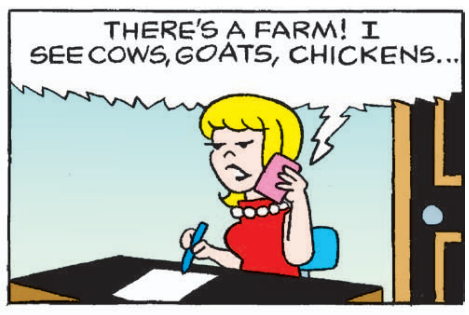

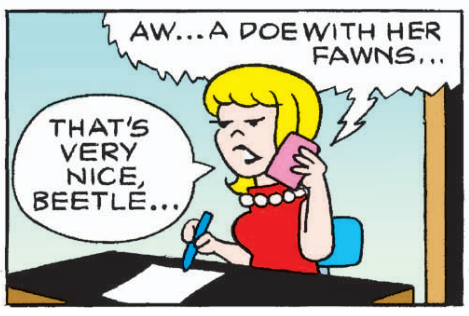

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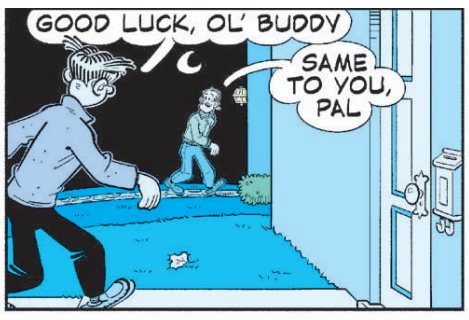

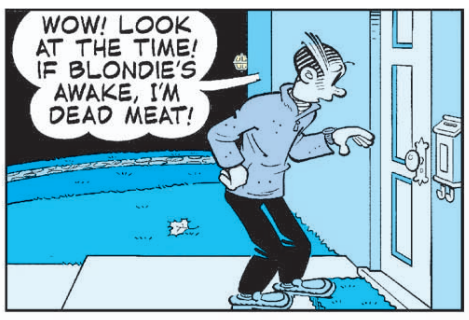

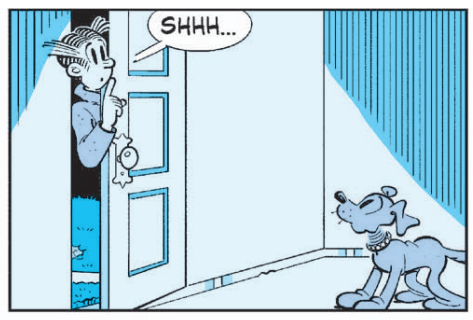

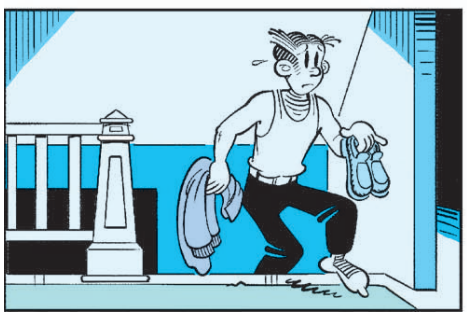

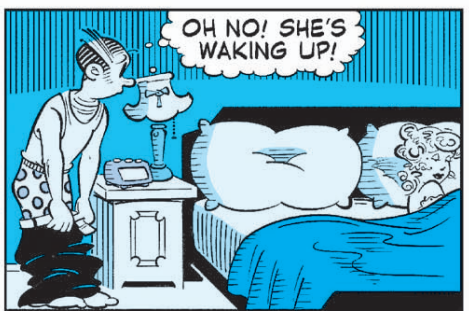

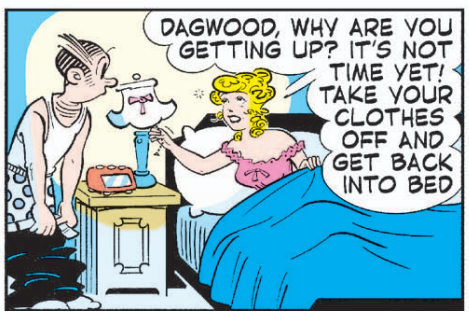

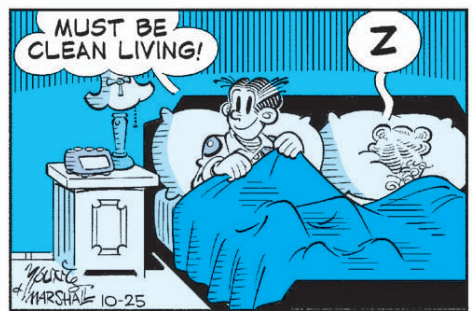

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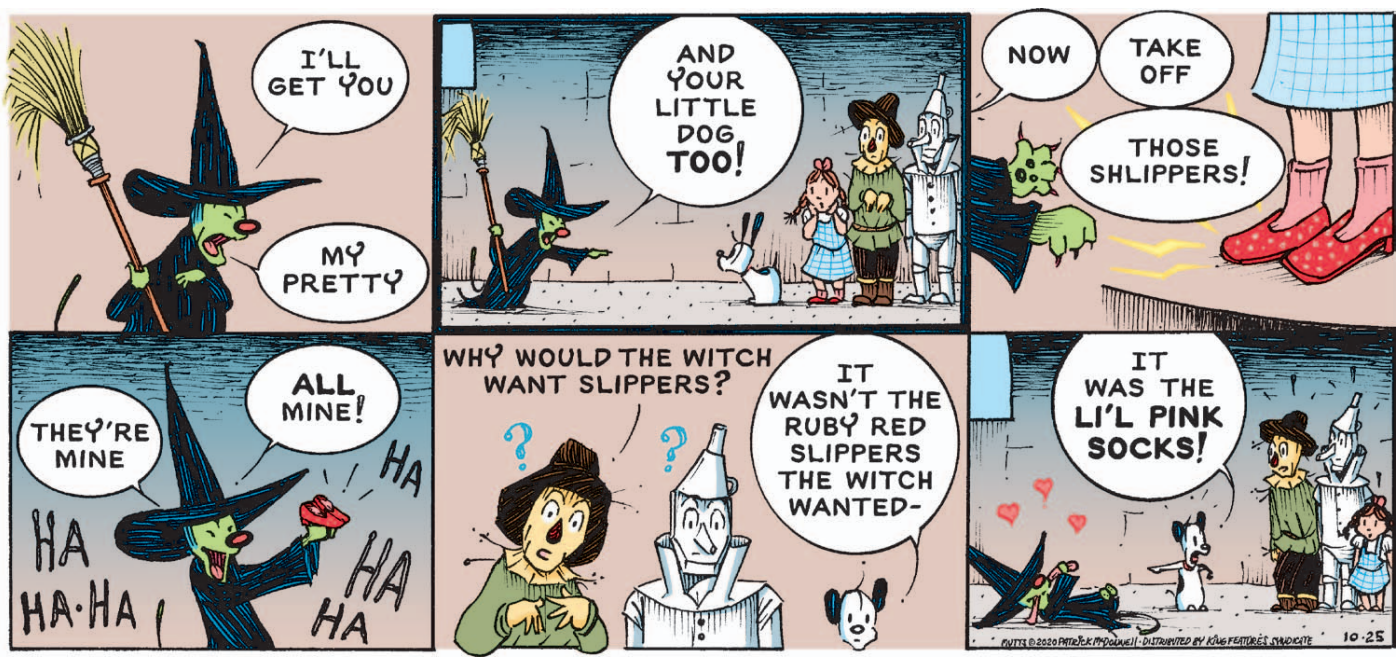
I'LL GET YOU
MY PRETTY
AND YOUR LITTLE DOG TOO!
NOW
TAKE OFF
THOSE SHLIPPERS!
THEY'RE MINE
ALL MINE!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
WHY WOULD THE WITCH WANT SLIPPERS?
IT WASN'T THE RUBY RED SLIPPERS THE WITCH WANTED-
IT WAS THE LI'L PINK SOCKS!
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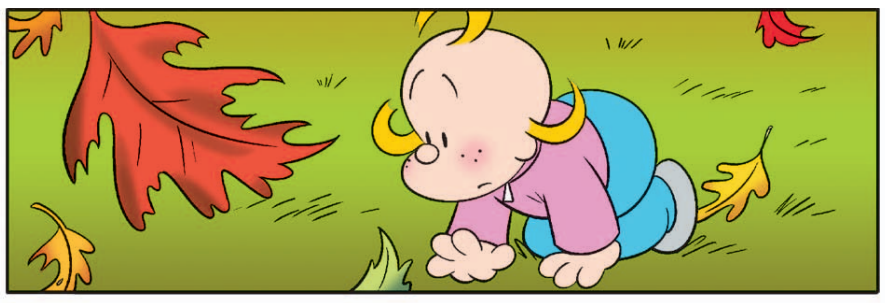

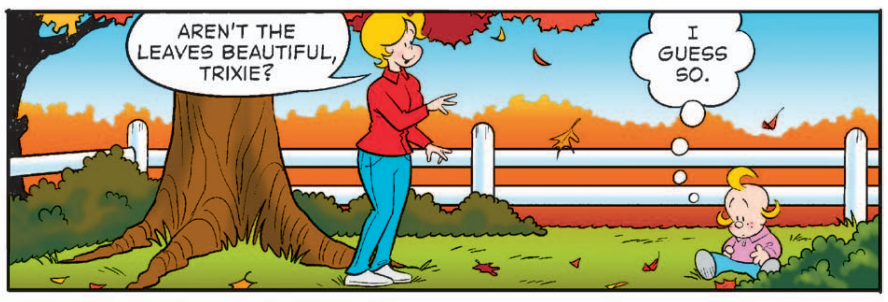

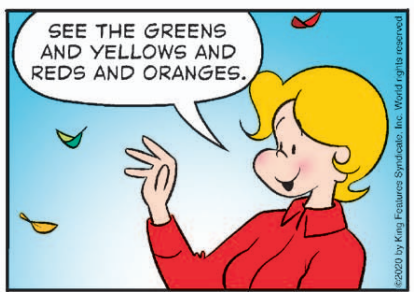

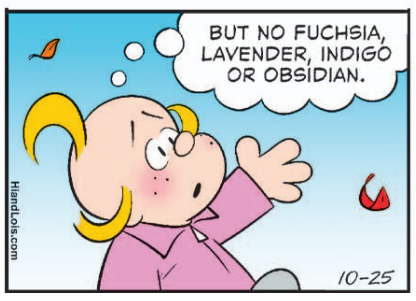

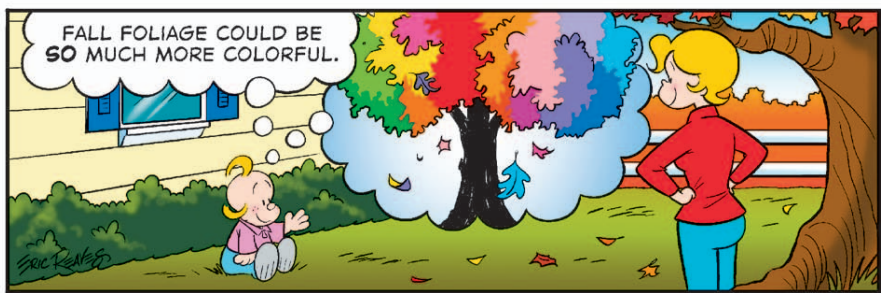

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...LIVIN' ALONE I THINK OF ALL THE FRIENDS I'VE KNOWN BUT WHEN I DIAL THE TELEPHONE NOBODY'S HOME...
ALL BY MYSELF DON'T WANNA BE ALL BY MYSELF ANYMORE ALL BY MYSELF DON'T WANNA LIVE ALL BY MYSELF ANYMORE...
HARD TO BE SURE SOMETIMES I FEEL SO INSECURE AND LOVE SO DISTANT AND OBSCURE REMAINS THE CURE...
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FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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MONTONI'S
POLICE ICE
IF YOU'RE HERE TO ARREST SOMEONE, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SEE...
WHOA! WE'RE NOT HERE TO ARREST ANYONE!
YEAH, WE JUST CAME BACK FOR THAT GREAT PIZZA WE HAD THE OTHER NIGHT!
AND TO BRING BACK THIS MONTONI'S PIZZA BAG THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND.
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HAGAR the horrible

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I SHOULD BRING SOMETHING HOME TO HELGA FOR A CHANGE...
SHOP
WHAT SHOULD IT BE... I KNOW, I'LL GET HER SOMETHING I LIKE!
HELGA, DEAR, I BROUGHT SOMETHING HOME YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE!
WAIT! DON'T TELL ME! LET ME GUESS!
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IS IT A NEW WINTER COAT?!
NO...
A DIAMOND NECKLACE?!
NO
IS IT THAT RED HAT I LIKED IN THE SHOP WINDOW?!
NO
IT'S MY FAVORITE PERFUME!!
NOPE
BROWNE
A COLD PIZZA
HOT PIZZA

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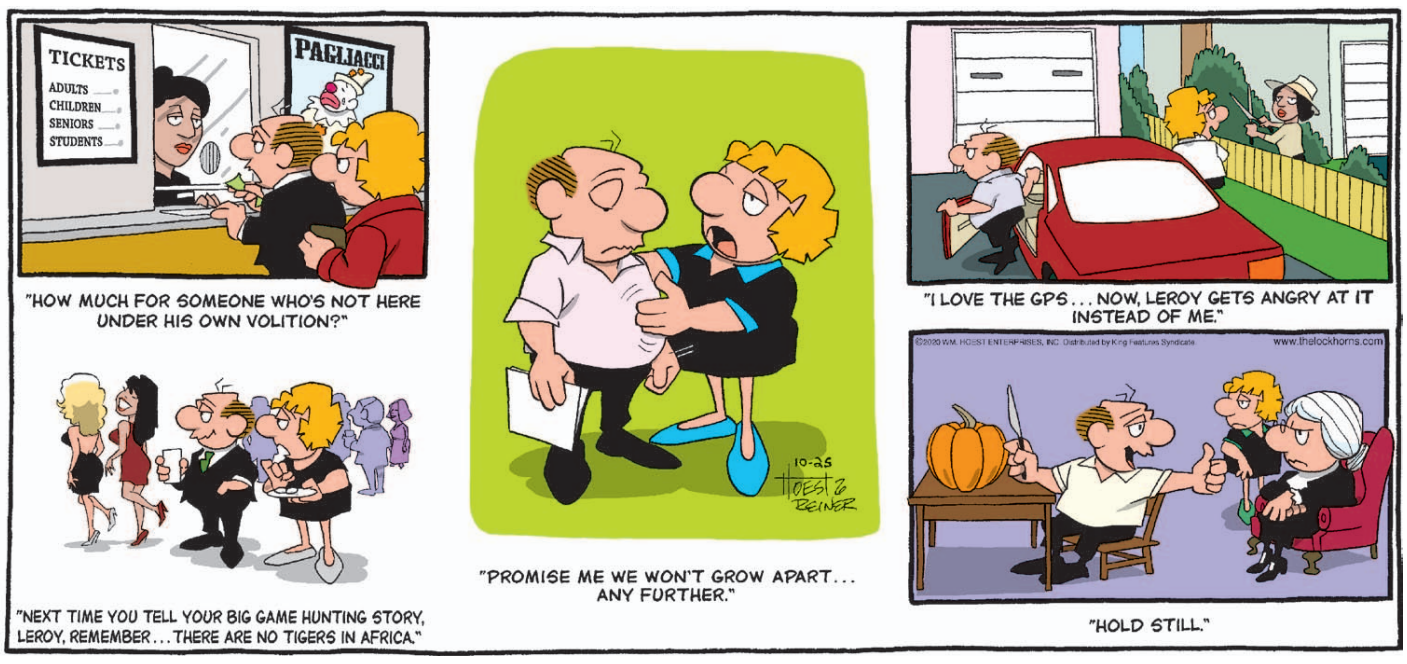
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"NEXT TIME YOU TELL YOUR BIG GAME HUNTING STORY, LEROY, REMEMBER... THERE ARE NO TIGERS IN AFRICA."
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"I LOVE THE GPS... NOW, LEROY GETS ANGRY AT IT INSTEAD OF ME."
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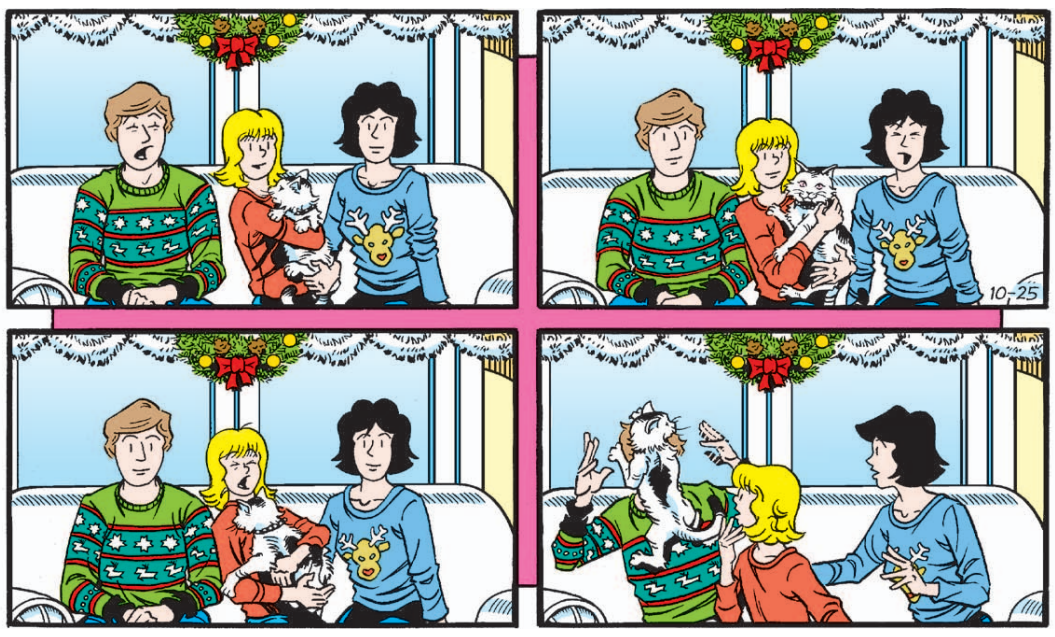

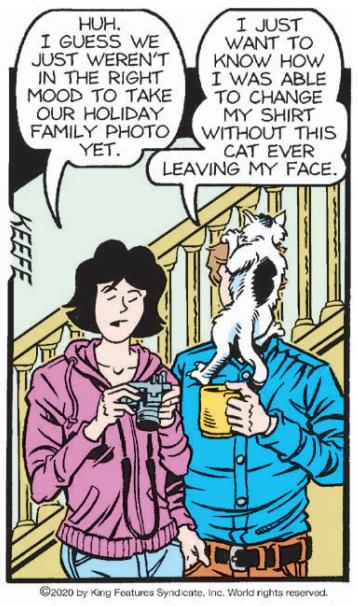
HUH. I GUESS WE JUST WEREN'T IN THE RIGHT MOOD TO TAKE OUR HOLIDAY FAMILY PHOTO YET.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW I WAS ABLE TO CHANGE MY SHIRT WITHOUT THIS CAT EVER LEAVING MY FACE.
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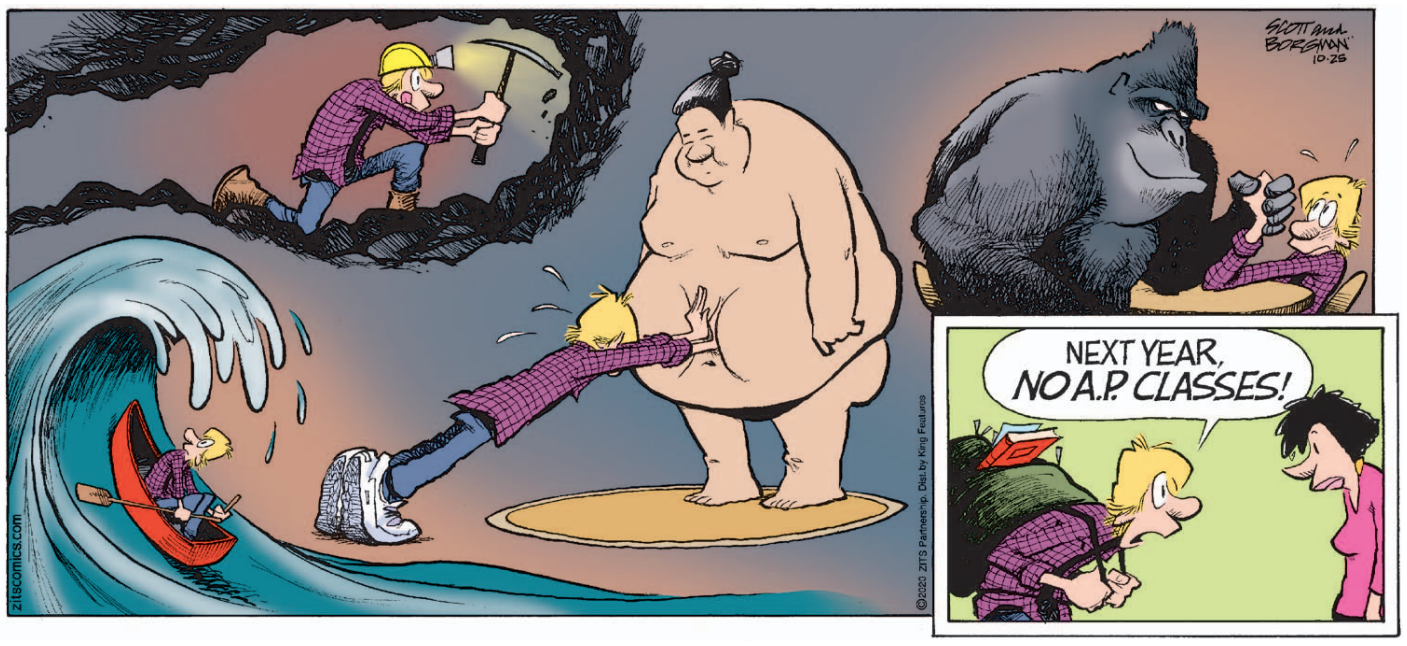

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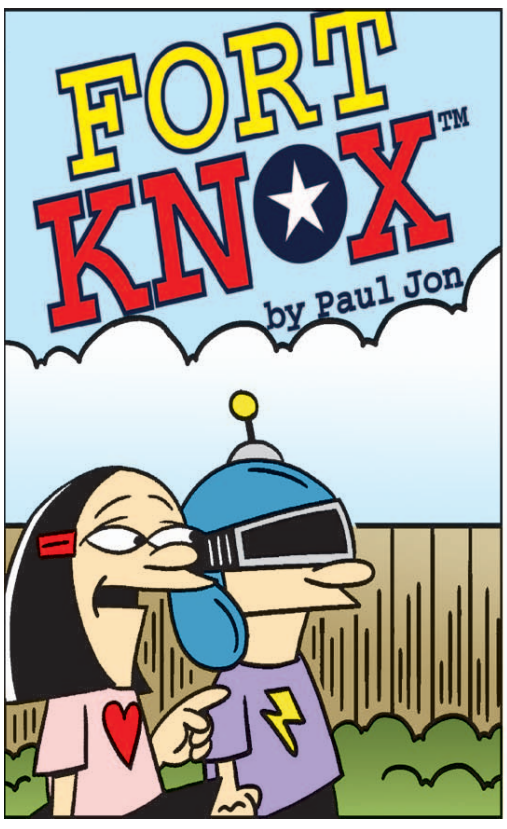

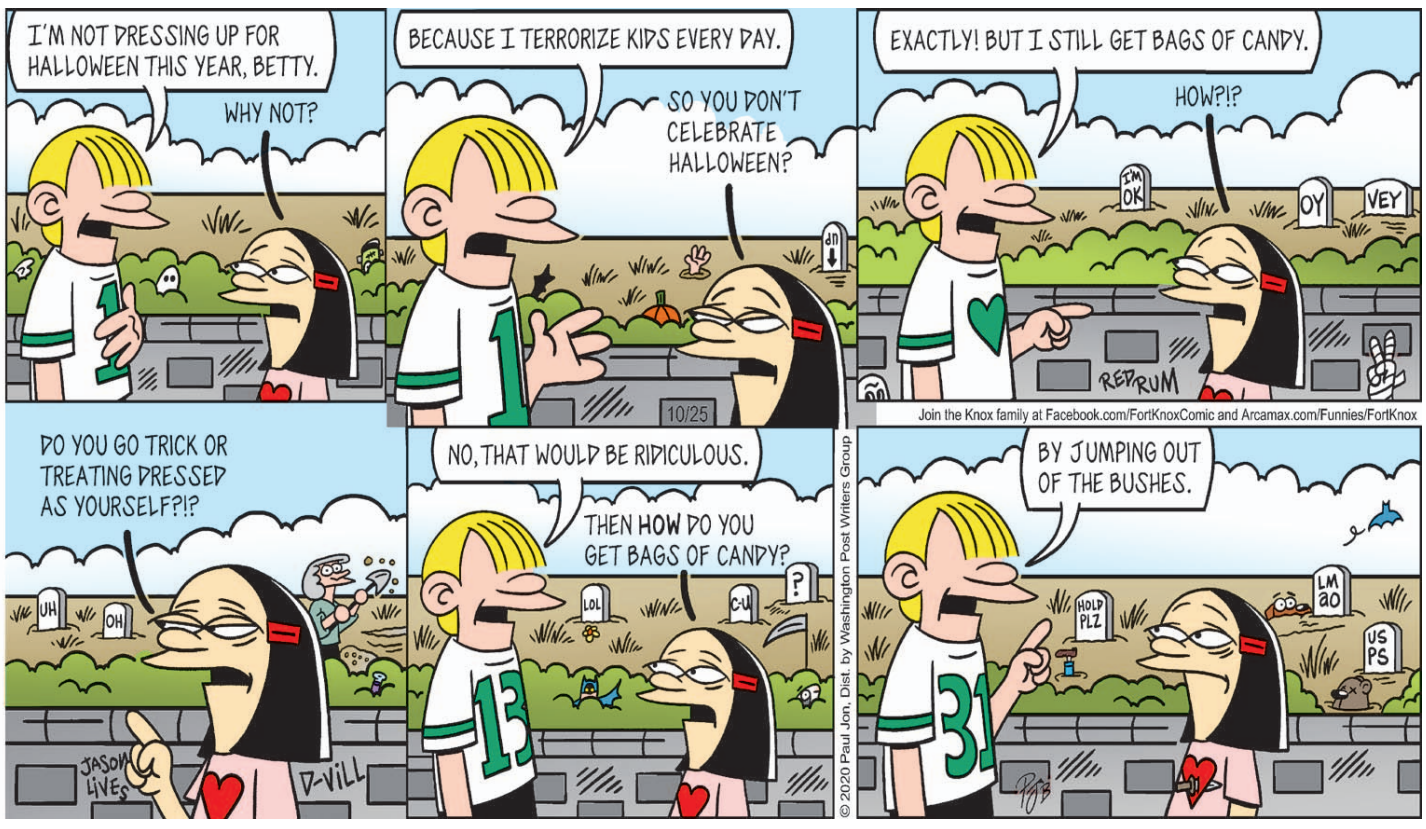

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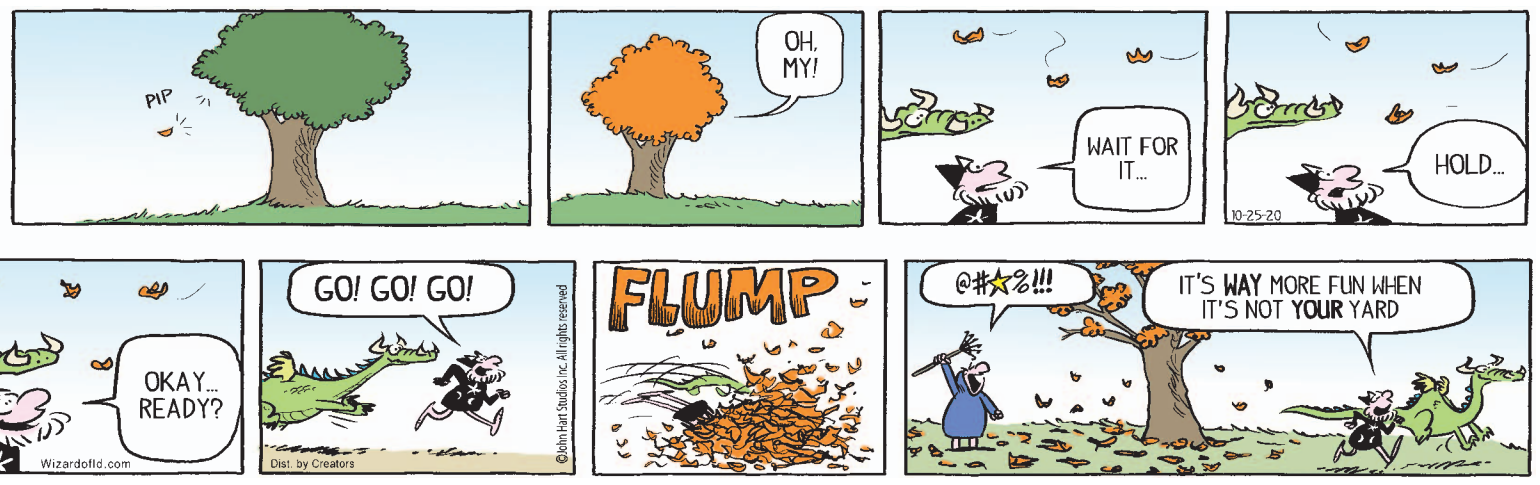

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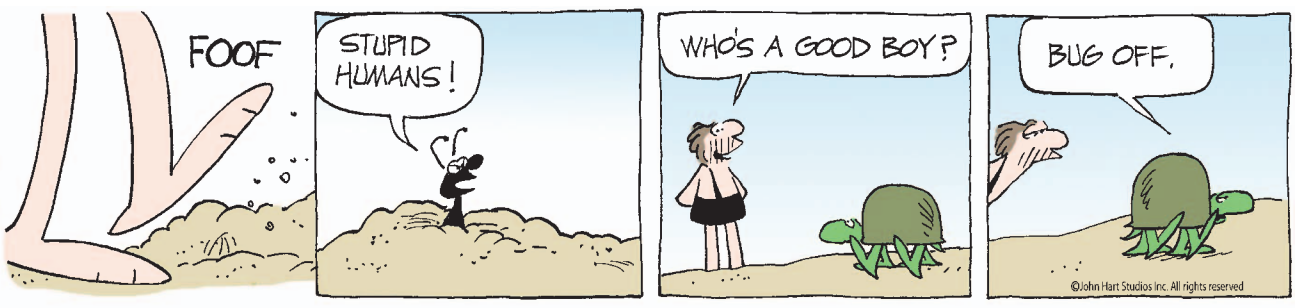

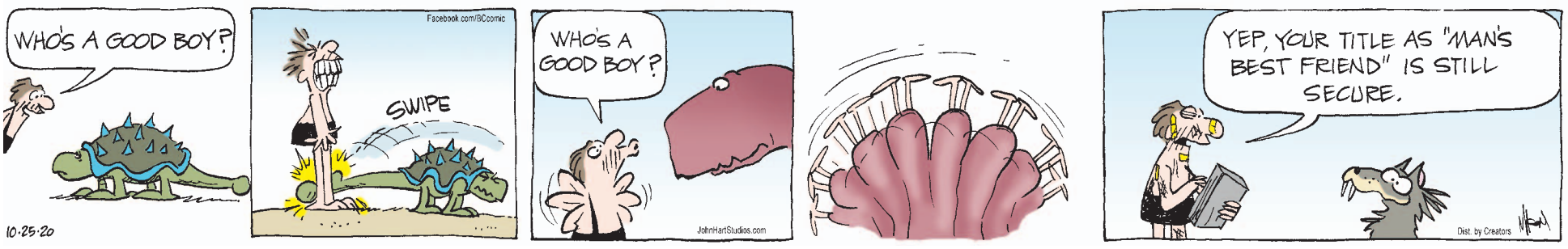

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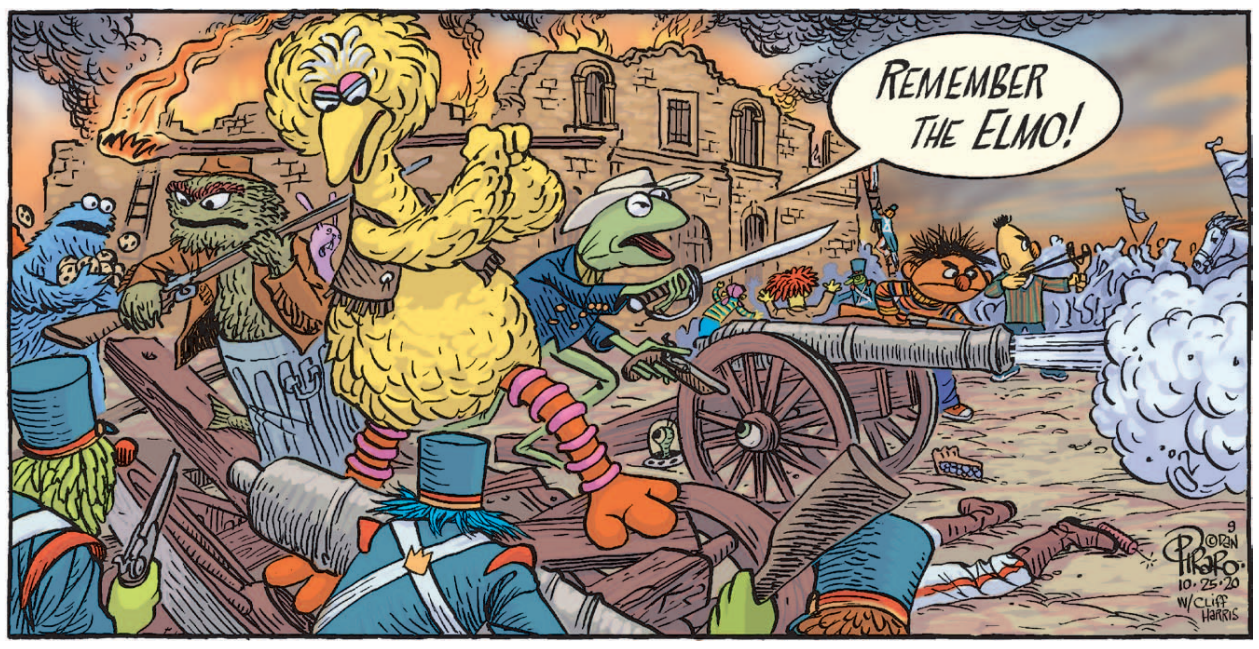

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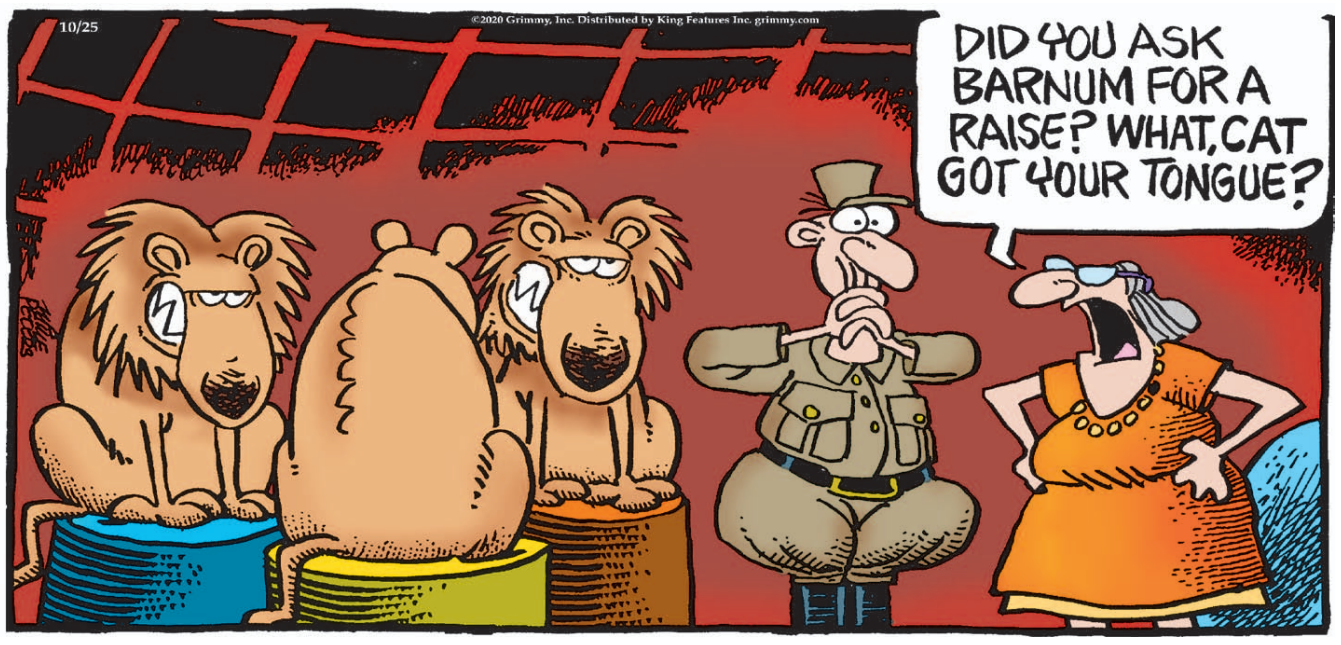

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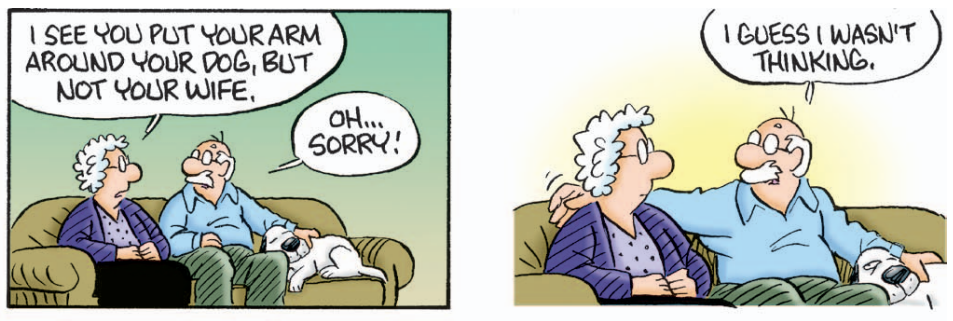
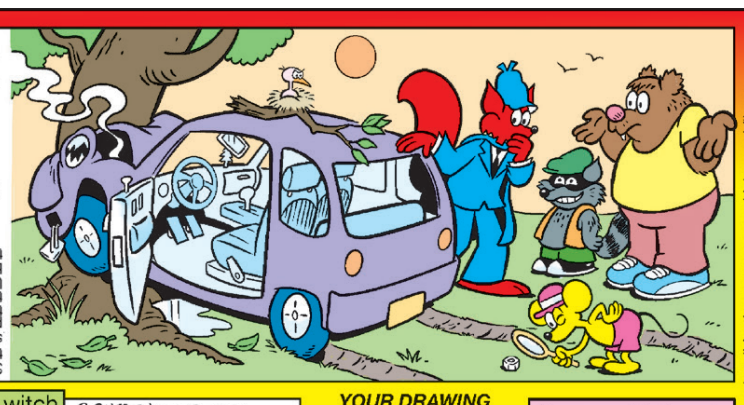


Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

One of these two suspects stole this car and crashed it into the tree. The bear and the raccoon both insist they are innocent. What evidence did Slylock Fox observe that led him to suspect and further question the bear?

Solution -- Slylock noticed that the car's driver-side car seat is pushed back into a position that would not allow the short raccoon to reach the pedals while driving. Upon further questioning, the bear admitted that he stole the car.



HOW TO DRAW a witch

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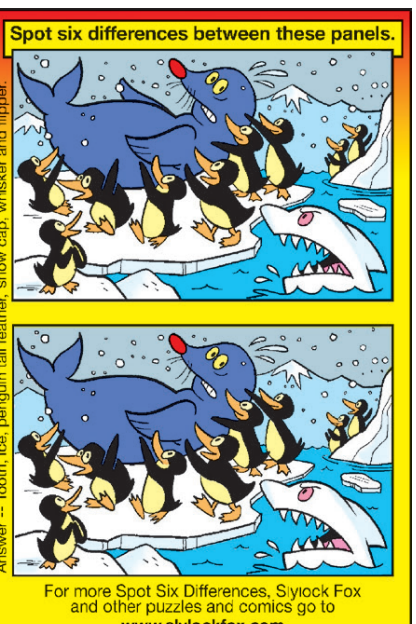
The scrambled words are species of flightless birds. How many can you unscramble?

1) CSIOHTR
2) WIKI
3) NEPNUGI
4) EAHR

Answer -- 1) Ostrich 2) Kiwi 3) Penguin 4) Rhea

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Tooth, ice, penguin tail feather, snow cap, whisker and flipper.

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